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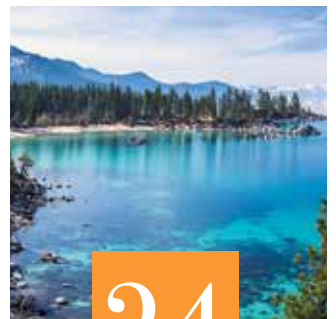
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SUMMER

Warmer weather is on the horizon and the *Biggest Little City* knows how to make the most of it! The summer season offers some of the best ways to explore the community. Between food tours, festivals, and fairs, the Reno-Sparks area will become your favorite vacation destination.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY RENO STREET FOOD

May 17-Sept. 28

Grab a picnic blanket and head to Idlewild Park every Friday from May 17 through September 28. More than 30 gourmet food vendors provide food, dessert, and craft beer. Enjoy the summer air and dine al fresco at Food Truck Friday. For vendor information, visit facebook.com/renostreetfood.

NEVADA STATE FAIR

June 6-9

Fun-filled carnival rides, delicious concessions, and thrilling games are just a few of the exciting treats you can expect at this four-day fair starting June 6. Guests of all ages are welcome and there is no entry fee to the Nevada State Fair. Purchase unlimited ride wristbands starting at \$20 in advance at nevadastatefair.org.

TRUCKEE BREW FEST

June 8

This June 8 festival is set in the beautiful outdoors of Truckee, California, where you can sip a cool beverage under blue skies and majestic pines. Sample and savor specialty brews, craft beers, and select ciders from Northern California and Nevada breweries. Tickets include a commemorative tasting glass and all-inclusive tastings until 5 p.m. Purchase tickets at tahoegetaways.com/truckee-brew-fest.

GREAT ELDORADO BBQ, BREWS AND BLUES FESTIVAL

June 14-15

Savory barbecue, refreshing drinks, a block party, and great music are summer necessities. Experience them all at once at the 23rd Annual Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews and Blues Festival from June 14-15. Two stages feature nonstop rock and blues, while guests can taste more than 50 microbrews from around the world. Learn more about the downtown event by visiting eldoradoreno.com.

RENO RODEO

June 19-29

Join more than 140,000 fans by attending the “Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West” from June 19-29. The Reno Rodeo turns 100 this year, and to celebrate, they’ll open with the KBUL Kick-Off Concert on June 19 featuring Chris Janson and special guest Tyler Farr. From there, the rodeo only gets richer with events including steer wrestling, barrel racing, bull riding, and more. See the full schedule at renorodeo.com.

ARTOWN

July 1-31

For the entire month of July, Reno will transform into Artown, featuring works from performers and artists of the highest caliber. Whether you enjoy music, visual arts, dance, or theater, this arts and cultural festival that offers more than 500 multidisciplinary events has pieces for everyone to celebrate. The Monday Night Music Series, movies in the park, and art walks are just a few of our favorite, free-to-the-public events. To see the complete events calendar, visit artown.org.

FOURTH OF JULY

July 4

You don’t have to travel far to find fireworks, food, and family fun on the Fourth of July! Head over to Greater Nevada Field to watch Triple-A Baseball with the Reno Aces and the Sacramento River Cats and enjoy a grand display afterward. Or head over to the Nugget Casino Resort for a town favorite fireworks event. You can also catch fireworks in Virginia City at the annual Main Street parade. Visit reno.com for a complete activity guide.

LAKE TAHOE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

July 5-Aug. 25

Revel in the breathtaking sunset and Lake Tahoe views while watching Shakespeare's works come to life July 5 through August 25. The amphitheater is set at Sand Harbor State Park and is known to have one of the most beautiful views in the world. Tuesdays through Sundays, enjoy gorgeous costumes and stunning sets in the productions of *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Million Dollar Quartet*. On Mondays, catch the multi-event Showcase Series that features various live music and entertainment offerings. Purchase tickets now at laketahoeshakespeare.com.

WANDERLUST SQUAW VALLEY

July 18-21

Immerse yourself in your practice while overlooking Lake Tahoe from July 18-21 at Wanderlust Squaw Valley in North Lake Tahoe, California. Along with immersions and classes with world-renowned yoga and meditation instructors, enjoy live musical performances, local and sustainable foods, cutting-edge fitness workshops, speakeasy talks, silent discos, and more! To see the full lineup, visit wanderlust.com/festivals.

HOT AUGUST NIGHTS

Aug. 6-11

Get your motor running to Hot August Nights, the largest classic car and nostalgia event in the country. From August 6-11, more than 5,000 hot rods and muscle cars from the '50s, '60s, and mid-'70s will be showcased in the Reno and Sparks area, and even more automobile enthusiasts will come out to pay tribute. The entertainment lineup includes KC and the Sunshine Band, Chubby Checker, Pablo Cruise, The Legendary Temptations, and Little River Band! Register your vehicle and see the full event listing at hotaugustnights.net.

JAZZ AND BEYOND: CARSON CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Aug. 9-25

Celebrate music, film, and art at the Carson City Music Festival. Starting August 9, this 17-day festival features music genres ranging from Dixieland jazz to bluegrass and folk. Performances can be found at intimate venues and many are free or low cost to the community. To see a full listing of venues and artists, visit artscarsoncity.com/2019-jazz-beyond-carson-city-music-festival.

RENO PIRATE CRAWL

Aug. 17

Shiver me timbers! The largest Pirate Crawl returns to the Biggest Little City on August 17. Join buccaneers and brigands on their journey to more than 15 participating bars, beer and cocktail specials, and photo opportunities. Purchase your cup and find costume inspiration at crawlreno.com.

NORTHERN NEVADA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Aug. 17

Join racers and fans at the beautiful Sparks Marina on August 17 to watch teams of 20 paddlers compete to the finish line. While you're there, enjoy the food truck bazaar, marketplace, and more! To register your team, visit gwndragonboat.com.

BEST IN THE WEST NUGGET RIB COOK-OFF

Aug. 28-Sept. 2

Rib masters from across the country, including two dozen of the world's top barbecue competitors, gather at Victorian Square in Sparks to serve up more than 240,000 pounds of ribs August 28 through September 2. Event goers can taste the best ribs and rubs while enjoying vendors and entertainment. Event details can be found at nuggetribcookoff.com. ■

Sushi

by Sarah Litz



Eat like a local

WHILE RENO MAY BE A LITTLE WAYS FROM THE OCEAN, IT ISN'T FAR FROM FRESH SUSHI. A HOST OF LOCAL RESTAURANTS OFFER ALL SORTS OF DELICIOUS OPTIONS FROM UNDER THE SEA.

POUR SOME SAKE (ALWAYS FOR OTHERS, BUT NEVER FOR YOURSELF), AND FEAST ON THE TOP ROLLS IN THE REGION.





Oceano

Voted best seafood by *Casino Player* magazine and the *Reno Gazette Journal*, Peppermill Reno's Oceano restaurant has a variety of dishes bound to satisfy your deep sea desires. Whether you're dining for a flavorful lunch, indulgent dinner, or a memorable happy hour, you're guaranteed to leave full of the best seafood in Reno.

All-You-Can-Eat (AYCE), a favorite for lunch or dinner, has an ever-changing menu with options ranging from nigiri, sashimi, and maki rolls. Begin your meal with some miso soup, edamame, or a fresh seaweed salad before moving on to the main course. Try a Temptation Roll with tempura crab, seared tuna, and avocado topped with honey-chili garlic sauce or a light Mango Roll with crab, tempura shrimp, mango, avocado, chili oil, togarashi, and unagi sauce. If you're looking for something more elaborate, take a bite of a Steak Tataki—seared steak, braised shiitake mushrooms, and asparagus—or a Dragon Roll with unagi, tempura shrimp, and more.

Pisces

Pisces, located in south Reno, is a quick ride to deliciousness.

A popular appetizer is the tempura vegetables with its light, crispy breading that adds a special extra crunch to the veggies. Or, travel down a more traditional route with a well-seasoned miso soup, seaweed salad, edamame, or mussels.

Travel into the world of main courses with orders of nigiri and rolls. Each roll is constructed to create a balance of flavors, containing the perfect amount of rice to enhance the roll instead of filling you up too quickly. There is a generous assortment of sushi, ranging from fillings such as shrimp and salmon to more adventurous options like green apple, baked avocado pieces, and jalapeños. Whatever you have, you're guaranteed a happy palate.

Pisces is located at 748 S. Meadows Parkway in Reno, and is open every day 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.





If an AYCE meal isn't what you're craving, Oceano also has a regular menu with starters, soups, burgers, and entrées. A crowd favorite is the Pepper and Salt Crusted Calamari served with a sweet and spicy jalapeño sauce, or the Soup Sampler complete with New England Clam Chowder, Maine Lobster Bisque, and the chef's special soup of the day.

Oceano is located inside the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino at 2707 S. Virginia Street in Reno, and is open Sunday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Friday through Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Hinoki

Hinoki

Big flavors, excellent service, and unique rolls are the name of the sushi game at Hinoki.

While you could order roll-by-roll, most people choose to dive right in to the AYCE option. There is a diverse selection of appetizers like mussels with a squirt of sriracha, cucumber salad, yakiton, or gyoza. The miso soup is guaranteed to please with a light, velvety broth filled with tofu and scallions and served perfectly hot.

After, you'll be ready to have some mouthwatering rolls from the special section of the menu. Taste a Ceviche Roll with crab, salmon, yellowtail, avocado, jalapeño, and ceviche sauce or a Workout Roll with spinach, asparagus, spicy tuna, seared beef sirloin, wasabi mayo, and teriyaki sauce.

If you'd rather stay on the not-too-wild side, sample a classic Volcano Roll complete with spicy tuna, salmon, tuna, and yellowtail. There are plenty of rolls for vegetarians to enjoy, too, like the Fuji Mountain, Futomaki, or a Vegetarian Godzilla. Each is packed full of healthy veggies ensuring you a full feeling.

Hinoki Sushi is located at 5270 Longley Lane #110 in Reno, and is open every day 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Kei Sushi

Don't only feast; immerse yourself in a sushi experience.

Kei Sushi prides itself in making some of the best-tasting sushi in town with an array of sushi and sashimi choices. Don't miss out on signature rolls such as the HWY 50 Roll, Pink Lady, and Spider Roll.

Whether you're traveling down the a la carte or AYCE path, there are plenty of choices for a little taste of sushi heaven to linger. Begin with the Dragon Balls—a combination of jalapeños stuffed with shrimp, spicy crab, and cream cheese—or a tamer ceviche tostada.

You can order a range of nigiri selections from cooked, raw, or specialty pieces such as the Rooster Salmon topped with lemon, pickled jalapeño, and spicy crab or the Fire Ball—a slice of tuna with more spicy tuna, fried onions, and teriyaki sauce.

Hope you came hungry! There are pages of entrée options to satisfy even the pickiest of eaters. With vegetarian, gluten-free, and dinner-only rolls, the menu is chock-full of possibilities to guarantee happiness visit after visit. ■

Kei Sushi is located at 5085 S. McCarran Boulevard in Reno, and is open Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 9 p.m.



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Shake it up!

by Katie Peters

Drink like a local

IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO SHAKE UP YOUR COCKTAIL AND DINING ROUTINE, RENO IS THE PLACE TO BE. ZEPPELIN, SEVEN TROUGHS SPEAKEASY, AND RUE BOURBON ALL OPENED IN 2018 AND PROVIDE THEIR OWN UNFORGETTABLE AND ONE-OF-A-KIND EXPERIENCE.

Zeppelin

Upon stepping inside of Zeppelin, you're immediately greeted by intricate and captivating décor. It is no surprise that the interiors were inspired from the 1904 World's Fair, an exposition on the cutting edge of architecture, science, medicine, and dining, and Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin. In fact, the structures of Zeppelin's rigid airships can be found hanging from the ceiling as a tribute to the inventor. Along with providing patrons with delicious meals and beverages, Zeppelin seeks to create "a social gathering place unlike any other."

The 21-and-older restaurant opened its doors in December 2018 at the Loop in south Reno. The intimate dining experience Zeppelin provides has caused quite a stir in Reno. The interior of Zeppelin is not the only thing inspired by the World's Fair. Innovation was at the heart of this exposition, including creative food and inventions. Zeppelin takes this curiosity and advancement and applies it to its dishes and cocktails.

Among many specialty cocktails is the Devil's Mouth, a blend of Espolón Blanco Tequila, Crème de Cassis de Dijon, fresh blood orange juice, lime, and muddled jalapeño, garnished with a Tajin rim—the perfect twist on a margarita and noted as "heat meets sweet." The signature cocktail menu also boasts non-alcoholic cocktails such as the Pomegranate Mojito and Blackberry Thyme Mule. Each drink is made to be delicious on its own, but you can request to add a little "kick" to it.

Take a seat at the expansive bar, or enjoy a more intimate spot in the dining area for cocktail selections, shareable plates, street food, or seafood favorites from the raw bar. Regardless of where you sit, the stunning atmosphere and delicious dining offerings will not go unnoticed.

Zeppelin Reno is located at 1445 S. Meadows Parkway in Reno, and is open Monday through Wednesday noon to 10 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday noon to 11 p.m.



Photos courtesy of Zeppelin



Seven Troughs Speakeasy

The name Seven Troughs Distilling Company was chosen as a tribute to Nevada's rich mining history. Albeit short-lived, the Seven Troughs Mining District brought hopes of prosperity and good fortune. The gold strike in the 1900s helped establish the state we now know and love.

Continuing with its deep Nevada roots, Seven Troughs uses local ingredients to distill its high-quality spirits, including corn and barley from Yerington and Gardnerville, Nevada. It's this corn and barley that produces the distillery's Old Commissary Whiskey and Barrel Proof Moonshine. Its single malt gin, Argentum Gin, is the product of a collaboration with another local business: Great Basin Brewing Company. A favorite on the spirits list is the Black Rock Rum, which is created from blackstrap molasses and enhanced by wine barrel aging. Each of Seven Troughs' spirits packs a rich history, and you can meet the makers through a personalized tour at the distillery in Sparks.

The ingredients aren't the only thing that are exclusive to Seven Troughs' spirits. In order to embrace the dry Nevada climate, the distillers use a mid-19th century method to ferment and distill. This involves a broad-spectrum fermentation process that requires time and slow maturation. Although this process may not be the most modern technique, it gives the spirits a taste that one may have not experienced before.

The Seven Troughs Speakeasy opened in 2018, and you can now enjoy its distinctive spirits in a Black Cherry Manhattan or Bees Knees Cocktail at The Basement Reno. The Speakeasy also offers delectable daily bites such as the Caprese Sandwich and Loaded Baked Potato.

As you enjoy one of Seven Troughs' tasty spirits or cocktails, take a moment to reflect on Nevada's rich history and how it plays a huge part in the refreshment in your hand.



Photo courtesy of Seven Troughs

Seven Troughs Speakeasy is located at 50 S. Virginia Street in Reno, and is open Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Rue Bourbon

Rue Bourbon brings the Big Easy to the Biggest Little City with its New Orleans-themed cocktails and bites. Beignets, hurricanes, and soulful, live music are sure to make you feel like you've been transported to the South.

When you walk into Rue Bourbon, you're immediately greeted with lovely, original art pieces from the French Quarter, handpicked by Rue's owner, Kevin Stanley. He knew exactly where to find his pieces considering he spent a fair amount of his childhood in New Orleans. His mother and many of his family members still reside in Louisiana.

Photo by Alex Belto



The idea of Rue Bourbon came from locals' request for a different experience unlike any other in the area. The owner of Rue Bourbon saw that there was not a bar with this type of feel in the Midtown area, but knew that there was a market.

Rue Bourbon prides itself on an authentic New Orleans experience, but still caters to the Reno community. The venue's focus is to provide a consistent, comfortable place for patrons to enjoy a cocktail and a game of darts or billiards.

Rue Bourbon offers The Big Easy Bloody Mary Bar on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., Happy Hour every day from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and a full Louisiana-themed menu, including gator bites and po' boys. ■

*Rue Bourbon is located at 1401 S. Virginia Street in Reno,
and is open Sunday noon to 10 p.m.,
Monday through Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.,
and Thursday through Saturday 11:30 a.m. to midnight*

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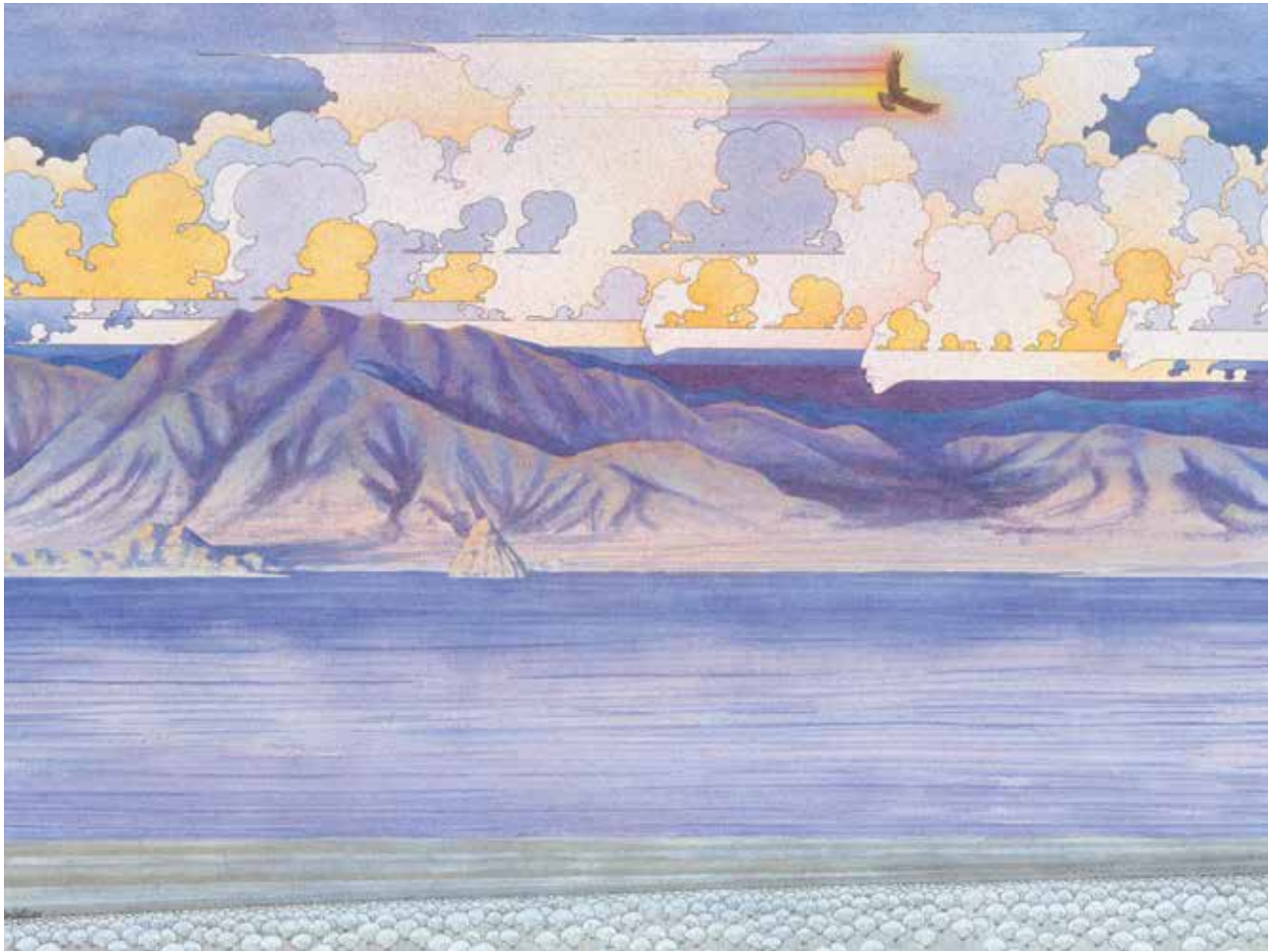
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Senior Vice President, Communications, Nevada Museum of Art

NO TRIP TO RENO-TAHOE IS COMPLETE WITHOUT A VISIT TO NEVADA'S SHINING ART JEWEL, THE NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART. FROM WORKS INSPIRED BY THE GREAT BASIN TO THE INCOMPARABLE GEORGIA O'KEEFFE, THE STATE'S ONLY ACCREDITED ART MUSEUM DELIVERS PROVOCATIVE, BREATHTAKING EXHIBITIONS THAT ARE GUARANTEED TO NOURISH YOUR TRAVELER'S SOUL. ALSO ON VIEW THIS SUMMER ARE SOME STELLAR EXAMPLES FROM THE MUSEUM'S THEMATIC PERMANENT COLLECTIONS, ILLUSTRATING THE COMMITMENT TO SCHOLARSHIP THAT MAKES THIS MUSEUM SO SPECIAL.



Photos courtesy of the Nevada Museum of Art





The Art of Jack Malotte

June 8–October 20, 2019

Jack Malotte makes artworks that celebrate the Great Basin, with a focus on contemporary political issues faced by Native American people. He infuses wry humor into his work though the subject matter is sometimes serious and sobering. Born and raised in Reno, Malotte currently resides in Duckwater, Nevada. He is an enrolled member of the South Fork Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone.

This major retrospective showcases the full breadth of Malotte's career, including drawings, sketches, prints, graphics, and illustrations. A public mural by Malotte on an exterior wall of the museum completes the exhibition. To round out your experience, take home a memory of the show with the 240-page hardcover book published by the Nevada Museum of Art.



Georgia O'Keeffe: Living Modern

July 20–October 20, 2019

Georgia O'Keeffe: Living Modern takes a new look at how the renowned modernist artist proclaimed her progressive, independent lifestyle through a self-crafted public persona—including her clothing and the way she posed for the camera. The exhibition expands our understanding of O'Keeffe by focusing on her wardrobe, shown for the first time alongside key paintings and photographs. It confirms and explores her determination to be in charge of how the world understood her identity and artistic values.

In addition to selected paintings and items of clothing, the exhibition presents photographs of O'Keeffe's homes by Alfred Stieglitz, Ansel Adams, Annie Leibovitz, Philippe Halsman, Yousuf Karsh, Cecil Beaton, Andy Warhol, Bruce Weber, Todd Webb, and others.

The Nevada Museum of Art is the only venue on the West Coast to host this exhibition, organized by the Brooklyn Museum, New York.



Galen Brown: Sine Cere

June 22, 2019–January 5, 2020

“Sincere,” first recorded in English in the 1530s, is from the Latin word sincerus, meaning “clean, pure, sound, etc.,” according to the Oxford English Dictionary. Born 1959 in Reno, artist Galen Brown creates work in drawing, printmaking, mixed media sculpture, and photography that embodies the adjective and resonates with intelligence and formal beauty. This exhibition takes a retrospective view of the Carson City-based artist’s work from the 1990s to the present, highlighting process-based bodies of work—including his massive drawings on scrap museum board, like *Sine Cere*—which he assembles over the course of many years. Educated at the San Francisco Art Institute, Brown’s painstaking and often obsessive practice results in works that demonstrate his commitment to erasing the boundaries between art and everyday life.

Without You I Am Nothing

June 22–December 15, 2019

From the first voyages to the “new world” in the 1500s to 21st century late modernity, globalization has impacted quality of life and contributed to a stratified society. This exhibition assembles a multi-generational group of artists working in sculpture, painting, photography, and video art, who uncover markers of class through their work. These markers identify a complex hierarchy in social structures that define and shape us. *Without You I Am Nothing* explores society’s relationship to labor, consumption, and materiality by examining and encouraging viewers to consider these topics.

Extraction

through November 10, 2019

The Nevada Museum of Art is known, in part, for its permanent collection that includes artworks with a thematic focus on how humans interact with natural, built, and virtual environments. For many artists, this means responding to how landscapes change as a result of using natural resources to power the world. Today, energy resources are classified as either renewable or non-renewable—and include everything from water, air, coal, minerals and forests, to wind, geothermal, and solar.

The works on view in this exhibition often reveal what is hidden from everyday view: the massive industrial infrastructure needed to power life in the 21st century. Increasingly, visual artists have turned their attention to lesser-known sociocultural impacts that such large-scale operations bring about. Taken together, these artistic responses bear witness to the complex system of exchange required for the extraction, collection, storage, and transmission of natural resources. ■

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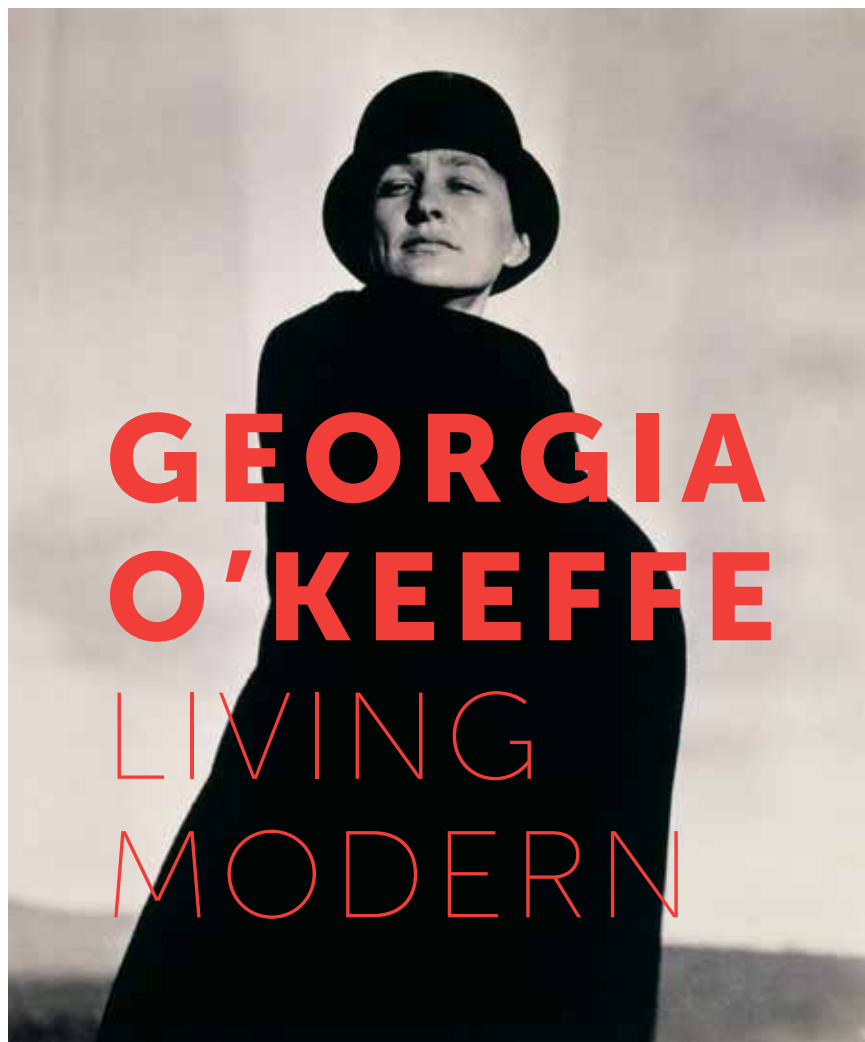
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LAKE TAHOE



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THE HIDDEN GEMS

by Katie Silva

The weather is heating up, and Lake Tahoe is one of the most popular spots in the U.S. for cooling off and taking in the scenic views. As word has gotten out about this pristine location, the number of tourists has increased as well. Fortunately, there are still some “hidden gems” where you can enjoy all that Tahoe has to offer without the crowds. Grab your swimsuit and head off to explore Tahoe’s treasures.



Photo by Ryan Salm



Photo by Ryan Salm

SKUNK HARBOR

It's a short hike (or bike ride) to Skunk Harbor, but we promise your hard work will be rewarded. This beach is primarily National Forest Land, so expect jaw-dropping scenery. As you trek through the conifer forest, you will have the opportunity to enjoy lake views along the way. You'll even be able to sneak a peek at the remains of an 1870s railroad grade that was once built to supply timber to Virginia. The Skunk Harbor trail is dog friendly, so make sure to include your best bud on your journey.

At the fork in the road, bear left toward wildflower-laden Prey Meadows or right to a small, picturesque swimming cove called Skunk Harbor. Weekends can be a bit busy, as this is a popular spot for boaters, but weekdays are usually perfect for those seeking solitude. If you're still seeking a bit of privacy, duck behind some of the large boulders that help shield your cozy beach spot.

*Skunk Harbor is located on Highway 28
along the East Shore, Nevada.*



HIDDEN BEACH

Hidden Beach, located on Highway 28 about one mile south of Incline Village, isn't just a clever name. Though it's located in a popular area of Lake Tahoe, it is almost completely obscured from plain sight unless you know where to look. Limited parking also provides another obstacle, as you'll need to park about one mile north and hike back to the shore. However, you won't think twice about your hike when you're sunbathing in seclusion.

Once there, you'll be able to take in the quiet beauty of Lake Tahoe. Hidden Beach can be a great option for families because several shallow stretches of sand are available. Hidden Beach consists of rocky alcoves and plenty of adjacent boulder shoreline. It's recommended to pack an umbrella to shade yourself from the rays. Hidden Beach is relatively empty and normally frequented by locals. This private sanctuary is great for snorkeling and sunshine.

Hidden Beach is located one mile south of Incline Village, Nevada.



Photo by Jeff Dow

MOON DUNES BEACH

If you're looking for the finest white sand beach and a local spot to spend the day in Lake Tahoe, Moon Dune Beach is your destination. Your oasis awaits in the community of Tahoe Vista just off North Lake Boulevard, across from the Rustic Cottages.

The sparkling waters of Lake Tahoe are not alone on this beach; Snow Creek also flows through the site, adding even more nature to admire during your experience. Along with beautiful views and peacefulness, visitors can enjoy shady areas off the water as well.

Limited parking is available only along the highway. There are no developed facilities or garbage services; portable restrooms are provided in the summer on the west end of the site. Pets are never allowed at Moon Dune Beach.

Moon Dunes Beach is located on Highway 28 near Pino Grande in Tahoe Vista, California.

SPEEDBOAT BEACH

Speedboat Beach is a small retreat hidden from public view. The beach is located at the end of Speedboat Street after winding down through a neighborhood of narrow streets. Speedboat Beach is best known for its large boulder formations, beautiful soft sand, and clear blue water, making it one of the most scenic stops on our list.

Speedboat Beach is easily accessible to the water, so enjoy kayaking, paddle boarding, or swimming to and from. Because of the shallow waters, the temperature tends to be warmer. This small beach is great for families and those exploring the Kings Beach shoreline.

Parking is on street and very limited. It's recommended to park closer to Kings Beach and walk, bike, or take public transportation to the beach.

Speedboat Beach is located at the end of Speedboat Avenue in Kings Beach, California.

CHIMNEY BEACH

Located on the East Shore, Chimney Beach is beautiful night and day. Tucked behind a steep slope, the beach is a great spot to watch the stars. In the day, each side of the south-facing cove is rocky stretches of shore. A few large flat boulders make ideal picnic or sunning platforms. Similar to Hidden Beach, trails through the woods will lead to many peaceful and lonely bights in the shoreline.

Travel 2.5 miles south of Sand Harbor right off of Highway 28 to get to Chimney Beach. There are two parking lots that provide free parking, and signs marking the trails that lead you to the gorgeous waters. The Chimney Beach Trail is good for all skill levels and is dog friendly.

A stone chimney remains as a remnant of the caretaker's cabin that used to reside on the beach. You guessed it, this is where Chimney Beach gets its name. The winter months, when the beach is less populated, are the opportune time to get a photo with the beach's namesake.

When traveling to Chimney Beach, come prepared. There are no picnic tables or other facilities. Portable restrooms and trash bins are available in the parking lot.

Chimney Beach is located on Highway 28, two miles north of Spooner Lake in Carson City.

COMMONS BEACH

Commons Beach is a four-plus-acre park located on the lake in downtown Tahoe City. It's a popular site for sunbathing, swimming, picnicking, and family activities. Spend your day dining and picnicking while the kids play at one of the group picnic sites and playgrounds. These sites are located within a large lakefront grass and sand area.

A barbecue is the quintessential way to celebrate the summer season and this beach is where to throw down! Commons Beach provides a barbecue area that accommodates up to 75 people and an amphitheater that seats another 65. You can rent each of these areas through the Tahoe City Public Utility District.

If an amazing BBQ and beach weren't enough, Commons Beach provides a free summer concert series every Sunday afternoon starting June 16 through September 1. There are also free movie showings at Movies on the Beach every Wednesday night during the summer months. This is an easy spot to take the kids for a special treat.

Commons Beach is located 400 North Lake Blvd. in Tahoe City, California.



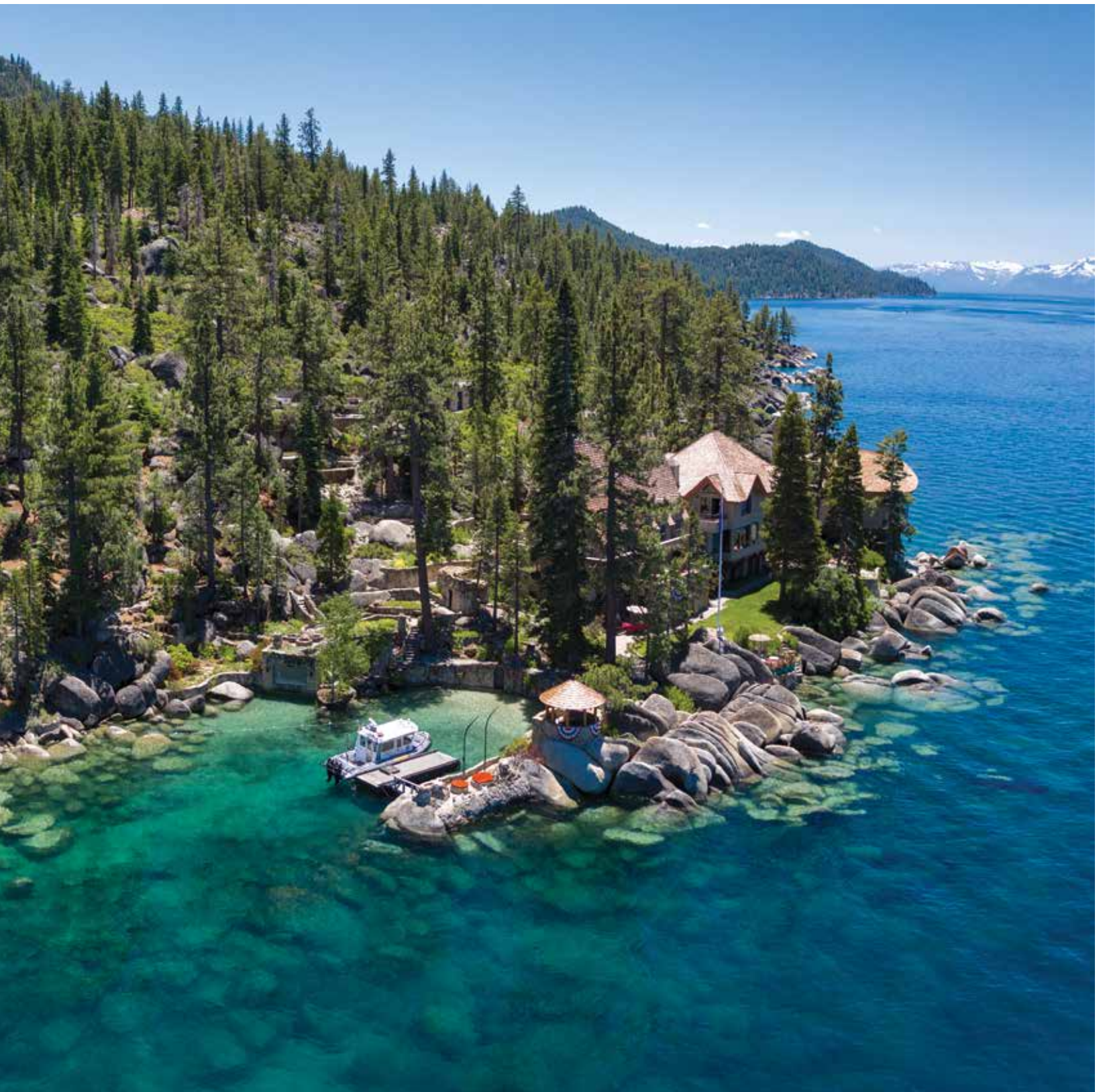


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KINGS BEACH

Kings Beach, located at the junction of Highways 267 and 28, is a groovy, little beach town that evokes nostalgia with its old-timey hotels and unique shops and restaurants. This sandy spot is known to be in the “banana belt” of the North Shore because of almost nonstop sunshine, making it a perfect spot to spend a summer day.

Along with a one-of-a-kind experience, this laid-back spot offers thrilling recreational activities with kayak and paddleboard rentals in the summer and snowmobiling tours in the winter. Another amenity is the Kings Beach Recreation area, which offers a nice play center for kids with slides and a jungle gym. Snag a picnic table and enjoy the views of North Shore of Lake Tahoe while the kids play.

Kick back and bask in the sun or tap into your more adventurous side with kayaking or paddle boarding. Your moment awaits at the beach that epitomizes the “relaxation destination.”

***Kings Beach is located at 8318 North Lake Blvd.,
Kings Beach, California.***

SAND HARBOR

With 55 acres of long sandy beaches, rocky coves, shady forested areas, and panoramic lake views, Sand Harbor offers visitors unparalleled opportunities to enjoy Lake Tahoe. Discover the crystal blue waters by scuba diving or kayaking. If you’d like a reprieve from the sun, have a bite under the shade of the cedars and Jeffrey pines. Sand Harbor offers family-friendly recreational activities, including picnicking, hiking, watercraft rentals, and tours for all to enjoy.

Sand Harbor has many beaches to choose from. For a day of swimming, sunbathing, and beach activities, visit the Main Beach. Divers Cove is the spot for adventurous scuba divers who want a closer look into Tahoe’s waters. The Boat Beach, as the name suggests, is made for boaters as it allows hard bottom watercraft.

During the months of July and August, Shakespeare meets Sand Harbor. Watch as Shakespeare’s endearing works come to life while soaking in the mesmerizing views of Lake Tahoe. It’s hard to go wrong with your toes in the sand and a glass of wine in your hand.

***Sand Harbor is three miles south of Incline Village
on State Route 28.***

Photo by Chris Bartkowski





Photo by Jeff Dow

Lake Tahoe is home to some of the most beautiful beaches and views in the world. Don't waste your time fighting the crowds to find a spot. Venture out to one, or all, of these "hidden gems" for an escape from reality. We promise the bike, hike, or walk will be worth it. ■

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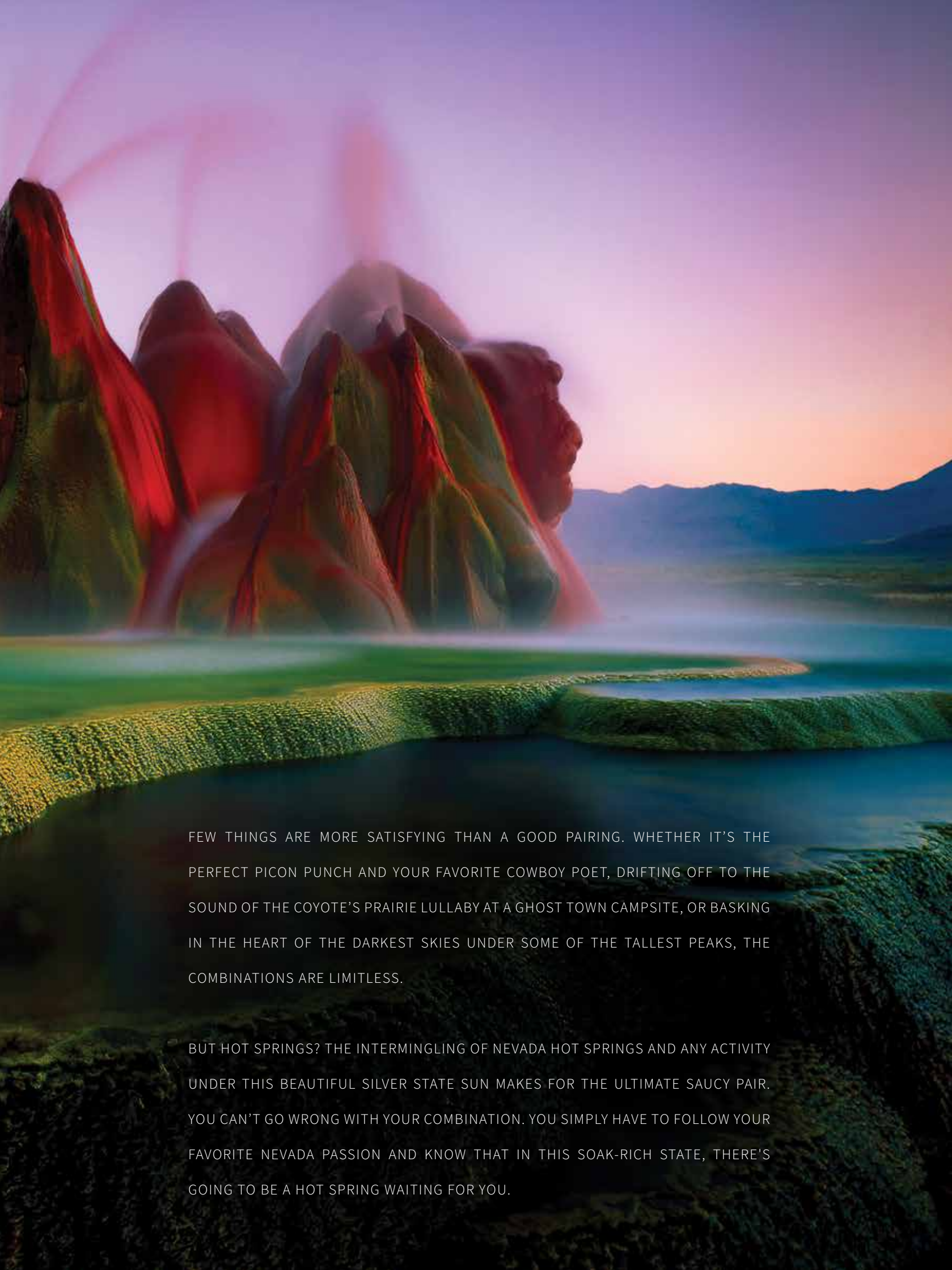


9 NEVADA HOT SPRING PAIRINGS

Adventurous taste required

by Sydney Martinez
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Pictured is Fly Geyser located on private land near Gerlach, Nevada and only open to the public through guided tours. Visitors are not permitted to soak in the hot springs.



FEW THINGS ARE MORE SATISFYING THAN A GOOD PAIRING. WHETHER IT'S THE PERFECT PICON PUNCH AND YOUR FAVORITE COWBOY POET, DRIFTING OFF TO THE SOUND OF THE COYOTE'S PRAIRIE LULLABY AT A GHOST TOWN CAMPSITE, OR BASKING IN THE HEART OF THE DARKEST SKIES UNDER SOME OF THE TALLEST PEAKS, THE COMBINATIONS ARE LIMITLESS.

BUT HOT SPRINGS? THE INTERMINGLING OF NEVADA HOT SPRINGS AND ANY ACTIVITY UNDER THIS BEAUTIFUL SILVER STATE SUN MAKES FOR THE ULTIMATE SAUCY PAIR. YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH YOUR COMBINATION. YOU SIMPLY HAVE TO FOLLOW YOUR FAVORITE NEVADA PASSION AND KNOW THAT IN THIS SOAK-RICH STATE, THERE'S GOING TO BE A HOT SPRING WAITING FOR YOU.



Kirch Hot Springs

TAHOE'S BELOVED HOT SPRING AND THE WHIPPLE WHOPPER

Kirch Hot Springs + Whipple Country Store

Closest Civilization: Lund

Found near the Loneliest Road in America Nevada Road Trip

We're starting off with a tasty little trifecta: a hot spring, wildlife you may not otherwise see, and a mighty fine burger. About an hour south of Ely, the Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area begs for your attention. Here, you can find water gleaming with enough seductively, crystal-blue clarity hues to be Tahoe's hot spring favorite. Since this is inside a wildlife refuge, it should come as no surprise that it's unbelievably pristine. As soon as you've squeezed this soak, be sure to hit up Lund's downtown market—the Whipple Country Store—for the Whipple Whopper, a renowned favorite by Nevadans and quite simply one of the best burgers in the whole entire state.

WELCOME TO BLACK ROCK DAY SPA

Black Rock Hot Springs + Black Rock Mud

Closest Civilization: Gerlach

Found along the Burner Byway Nevada Road Trip

What if we could tell you that the hot springs situation going on in the Black Rock Desert is helping us get a better grip about life on other planets? No, seriously, this is a real study and has to do with one of the best au naturel day spa experiences in the state. Though the otherworldly playa setting itself is enough to make you feel like you're on another planet, it turns out, the proof is in the *mud*. Watch the needle climb and seal those Martian vibes as you venture to Black Rock Hot Springs and indulge in your very own Black Rock spa day. Soak it up and slather it on. Best yet, you can take some of the playa home with you by getting your hands on Black Rock Mud. This family outfit was genius enough to purchase its own private Black Rock Desert natural hot spring on the outskirts of Gerlach—Great Boiling Spring—and harvest this “buttery, odorless, pure gift from Mother Nature” for you and some of the most luxurious spas and skincare facilities all over the world.



A STEAMBOAT IN THE DESERT? SOAK IT IN

Steamboat Hot Springs Healing Center & Spa
+ Virginia City

Closest Civilization: Reno / Virginia City
Found along the Lake Tahoe Loop Nevada Road Trip

In a place without fences, it's fun to imagine Nevada even wilder than it is today. But natural hot spring geysers so enormous that they rival something the size of Old Faithful? That's exactly what was happening in south Reno in the late 1800s if you can believe it. The place is Steamboat Hot Springs, the oldest hot spring resort in the entire state, soaked in since 1857. Here, the water is so pure and loaded down with healthy minerals, you could drink it right out of the ground. It was also a sensational amenity for wagon-weary pioneers up the hill in Virginia City. You may know that Virginia City is where Samuel Clemens gave himself the famous pen name Mark Twain, and decided to pay it forward by giving this hot spring the moniker it goes by to this day: a steamboat in the desert. But that nickname seems a little odd. The area's geothermal groans reminded Twain of the sounds of an actual steamboat rumbling down the river in his native Missouri, and it stuck. The rest is history.

OUT FOR A RIP AND IN FOR A SOAK

Caliente Hot Springs Motel + Barnes Canyon Mountain
Bike Trails

Closest Civilization: Caliente
Found along the Great Basin Highway Nevada Road Trip

In case you haven't heard, there's a seriously impressive new mountain bike mecca in the southeastern Nevada town of Caliente, and it's all yours. Together, the Barnes Canyon Mountain Bike Trails and the Caliente Bike Skills Park seamlessly taps into the adventurer in all of us. These new parks boast a pump track, jump zone with an eight-foot launch hill, and more than 12 miles of dedicated single-track with 20+ more miles on the horizon. Throw in seven Nevada State Parks within 75 miles of each other, the best-kept rock climbing secret in the state, endless off-highway vehicle opportunities, and unbeatable hiking, and we couldn't be happier. If we're talking hot water, we know you didn't think calling this town "Caliente" was a coincidence. The hot water the town was named after lies right in the heart of downtown Caliente, and even has a mountain bike-themed hotel built on top of the source. Spend the day ripping round this new trail system and the evening with a hard-earned private soak and comfy room at the Caliente Hot Springs Motel. Does it get better?

IN THE LAP OF LUXURY AT NEVADA'S OLDEST SETTLEMENT

David Walley's Resort + Genoa

Closest Civilization: Genoa
Found along the Lake Tahoe Loop Nevada Road Trip

Not interested in a natural-bottomed tub in off-grid Nevada? A visit to David Walley's Resort proves you really can have it all when it comes to this "adventure sport." Nestled in the foothills of Genoa, Nevada's Oldest Settlement is one amazing property for those luxury-seeking bathers out there. David Walley's Resort has about as much fascinating history and tenure as Steamboat, and has managed to attract hot spring enthusiasts for more than 150 years now. Check in and indulge in what started as, and continues to be, the most opulent hot springs resort hotel around. It's fun to imagine Pony Express Riders, whose route ran right past this historic bathhouse, or celebrities like Clark Gable and Carole Lombard taking a dip in these legendary waters. Today, you can bask in that very same glamour, except with your own private villa, upscale provisions, a positively posh day spa, and of course, a relaxing respite in the same waters that the finest of Nevada have been dipping in since 1862.



Spencer Hot Springs

THE BIG SMOKY MAGIC THAT BE

Spencer Hot Springs + Lucky Spur Saloon and Miles End Lodge
Bed and Breakfast

Closest Civilization: Kingston

Found along the Loneliest Road in America Nevada Road Trip

Nevada's Big Smoky Valley has been one of our favorite hideouts for years. If you're coming from Reno-Tahoe, Elko, or Ely, you can do an out-and-back day trip, no problem. Or book an overnigher at Kingston's Miles End Lodge Bed and Breakfast, an easy 18-mile detour off the Loneliest Road in America. Grab some Austin turquoise on your way to Spencer Hot Springs, soak in what's sure to be one of the best places to catch a sunset drop behind the Toiyabe National Forest, then head for Kingston. Post up with the locals at the Lucky Spur, a sagebrush saloon so great that even *Men's Health* dubbed it the best rural bar in America. Before bedding down at your cozy B&B, spring for a second moonlight soak in the Miles End's wood-fired hot tub. Can you think of any other place you'd rather be?

STRIKING GOLD IN BLACK CANYON

Gold Strike Hot Springs + Black Canyon Water Trail

Closest Civilization: Boulder City

Found along the Neon to Nature Nevada Road Trip

You know it's going to be good when your two options for accessing the spring are either bouldering through eight ropes over the span of several miles or kayaking in. It sounds like it is straight out of a James Bond film, especially since it is right at the base of Hoover Dam, but you can bet this place is real, and incredible no matter how you choose to adventure in. The winter months are best to visit Gold Strike Hot Springs, located just beyond Boulder City. Whether you decide to swing in Tarzan-style through the canyon hike or rent a kayak from Black Canyon River Adventures for a guided or paddle-your-own-way excursion, this is one to tick off the list. If you opt for the river adventure, the views of Hoover Dam are stunning, plus river access means you can also see the Sauna Cave, a few other springs along the Arizona side, and a place called Emerald Cave, which really does live up to its name. Altogether, this is one adventure you won't soon forget.

HAMMER IT HOME WITH A SOAK AND WICKED SHIFTY

Carson Hot Springs + Shoe Tree Brewing Company and Sassafras Eclectic Food Joint

Closest Civilization: Carson City

Found along the Lake Tahoe Loop Nevada Road Trip

Beer and hot springs ... Mmmm. On the outskirts of Nevada's capital city, Carson Hot Springs has tons to rave about, and the combination of deliciously pure mineral water followed by an award-winning microbrew can't be topped. The spring itself has been around for eons, but the addition of the newcomers at Shoe Tree Brewing Company delivers a combo that's hard to replicate anywhere else. Take your pick from an actual swimming pool, three smaller hot tubs filled with hot spring water, rooms to snag a private soak, or the mightiness of "The Hammer," a spout of hot spring water that dumps into the pool and is sure to pound out any tension you have on your neck and shoulders. Want to crank up that whole unwinding effort from amazing to spectacular? Shoe Tree Brewing Company and Sassafras Eclectic Food Joint share the property with the resort, making a visit to both unavoidable and absolutely appropriate for this hot springing junket.

SIMMER DOWN, PIONEER STYLE

Soldier Meadows Hot Springs + High Rock Canyon

Closest Civilization: Gerlach

Found near the Burner Byway Nevada Road Trip

If you've had the pleasure of dropping the hammer across the Black Rock, we know what you're thinking—that was fun, but I sure am glad I'm not out on this dry lakebed longer than a few hours or so. That's exactly what westward pioneers following an offshoot of the California Trail endured, but for far longer. But, once they'd made it across the Black Rock, a convenient reward awaited: a river of hot springs, and dependable camping stopover called Soldier Meadows. Today, this same impressive geothermal valley northwest of the Playa still exists, where a handful of pools have been dammed up for your modern-day soaking satisfaction. Keep an eye out for the placards that detail pioneer journal entries about their stopover here, and marvel that you're soaking in actual history. Then follow their footsteps, still-visible wagon ruts, and Pioneer Graffiti through the endlessly stunning High Rock Canyon.

Word to the wise: This route requires a dependable, high-clearance 4WD vehicle with good tires. It's not uncommon to have several flats in one of the most remote corners of the state (and country). Travel prepared, and check the weather conditions ahead of time to make sure you don't end up like some of the less fortunate pioneers! ■



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Wild Island

Unleash your wild side at Reno's largest, locally owned waterpark and family entertainment complex. Since 1989, the adventure park has grown into a local staple, boasting a variety of activities including bowling, mini golf, laser mazes, and an arcade.

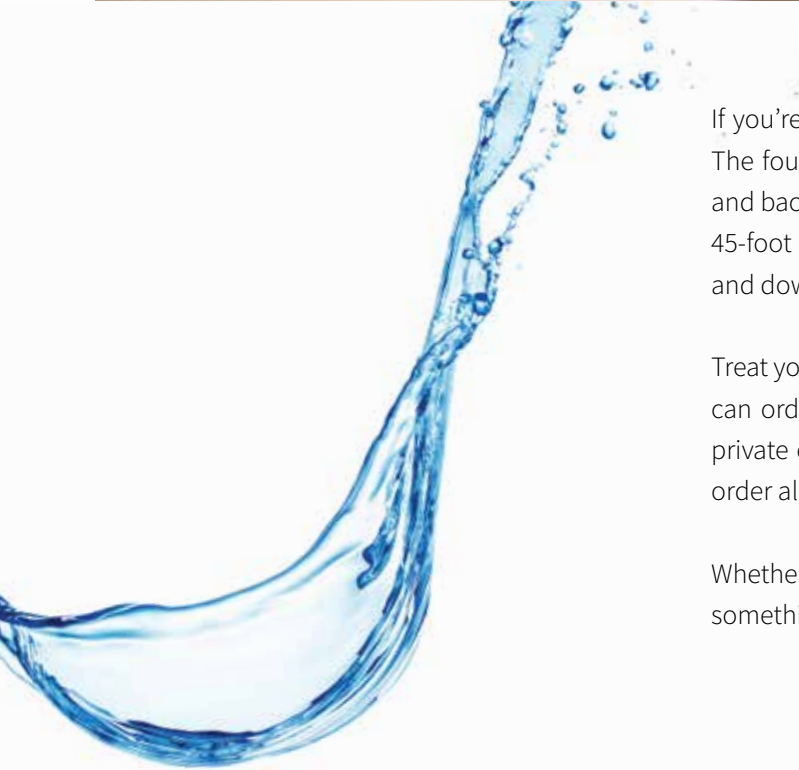
While Wild Island is open year-round, the complex's time to shine is in the summer when the waterpark opens. Little ones can dip their toes in the Little Lagoon or have fun on the three mini slides, while big kids (and kids at heart) can swirl, twist, and turn down the many attractions.

For a lazy, relaxing day, head over to the Bahama Mama River for a quarter-mile meandering river with multiple entries and exits. Ready to hit the waves? Get into the Montego Bay Wave Pool and test out your body surfing skills, or take some time to wade and unwind.





Photo by Chris Holloman



If you're an adrenaline junkie, grab a friend and take a ride on the Scorpion. The four-story half-pipe drops you into a free fall, quickly up the other side, and back down again. Be sure to test out the new G Force, a 300-foot long and 45-foot high slide. Step into the capsule and wait for the countdown. 3-2-1, and down you go into a free falling kaleidoscopic drop!

Treat yourself by renting a cabana and enjoy the VIP treatment for the day. You can order food and non-alcoholic beverages right from the comfort of your private cabana. If you're 21 or older and looking to spice things up, you can order alcoholic drinks from Kokomo's Island Bar.

Whether you love meandering rivers or adrenaline-releasing rides, there's something for everyone at Wild Island.

***Wild Island is located at 250 Wild Island Court in Sparks.
For more information, visit www.wildisland.com.***



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Melio Gaspari Water Play Park

Stay cool and keep the kiddos entertained at the Melio Gaspari Water Play Park, offering an assortment of water features to spray and splash.

This is the place to be this summer. Grab your bathing suit and head to Spanish Springs to enjoy water in all different ways. For only a \$3 admission fee, the whole day is not only kid-friendly, but budget-friendly as well.

This is one of the best pads for parents with toddlers. The smaller park doesn't have any wave pool areas or large, climbable structures for kids to easily injure themselves. Instead, the area is flat and water features are smaller, creating an easier space for younger children to navigate.

There are plenty of shady areas and picnic tables. Pack a picnic lunch or enjoy concessions like chips, ice cream, and cold water from the entrance window. The water park is located within the Lazy 5 Regional Park, which is the perfect spot for the kids to burn off any extra energy.



Photos courtesy of Washoe County CSD Regional Parks

Melio Gaspari Water Park is located at 7100 Pyramid Way inside Lazy 5 Regional Park. For more information, visit www.washoecounty.us.





North Valleys Water Splash Park

Travel up, up, and away at this aviation-themed water park.

North Valleys Water Splash Park boasts more than 20 different water features and more than 60 spray heads, guaranteeing a blast at every visit. But the most exciting quality just may be the Rare Bear model resembling a restored F8F 1940s' military aircraft, a local fan favorite at the Reno Air Races.

The family-friendly park is built for kids of all ages to have safe, cool fun. Bring drinks and a few snacks to munch on during the day at the picnic benches, or take a break and soak up some sun on the lounge chairs.

Perfect for all of Reno's hot days, buy a season pass, punch pass, or pay right at the door to enter a splashtastic world of flight. ■

North Valleys Water Splash Park is located at 8085 Silver Lake Road in Reno. For more information, visit www.washoecounty.us.





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