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A hand is pouring a vibrant red liquid from a metal shaker into a glass filled with ice. The background is a blurred bar scene with various bottles and a green plant. The lighting is warm and focused on the glass and the pouring action.

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Unlock the Secrets of

MINDBENDER

The Discovery's immersive, puzzle-filled exhibition challenges minds of all ages



by Patrick Turner, Chief Advancement Officer, The Discovery

Enter the wonderfully puzzling world of Mindbender Mansion – the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum’s newest featured exhibition – an eclectic mansion filled with brainteasers and interactive challenges guaranteed to test the brainpower and problem-solving skills of even the most experienced puzzlers.

Visitors to this fun and quirky mansion are invited to join the Mindbender Society by gathering hidden clues and secret passwords scattered throughout the various thematic rooms. The clues and passwords are revealed by solving select brainteasers and group challenges. Tasks such as balancing a tilt table, racing against a conveyor belt, or piloting a “spaceship” will put both wits and teamwork to the test. The path to the Mindbender Society awaits those clever enough to conquer the mansion’s mysteries.

Adults, families, and children alike will enjoy exercising their minds as they try to master each of the individual brainteasers and group activities in this fun and unconventional mansion.

Mindbender Mansion is only a portion of what The Discovery has to offer its visitors. The museum also boasts more than 60,000 square feet of permanent exhibitions that range from human anatomy to renewable energy, to the interests of Leonardo da Vinci.

MANSSION



Photos courtesy of The Discovery

Inside Out: an Anatomy Experience will take you on an amazing journey into the curiosities of human anatomy. Through captivating digital and hands-on exhibits, you'll uncover the ways our bodies work, grow, age, and heal. *Energy/Energía* is a bilingual exhibition that includes more than 18 hands-on exhibits focused on energy generation, use, and storage. *Energy/Energía* showcases how much we know about energy and the potential to shape our future energy economy through science and technology. *Da Vinci's Corner* explores the engaging world found at the intersection of art, science, and fun. This innovative exhibition invites visitors from age 1 to 100 to participate in hands-on experiments and discover the unnoticed fascinations of everyday life that inspired Leonardo da Vinci.

The Discovery is located at 490 S. Center Street in Reno. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday with late evening hours and discounted admission on Wednesdays beginning at 4pm. For more information, please visit nvdn.org.

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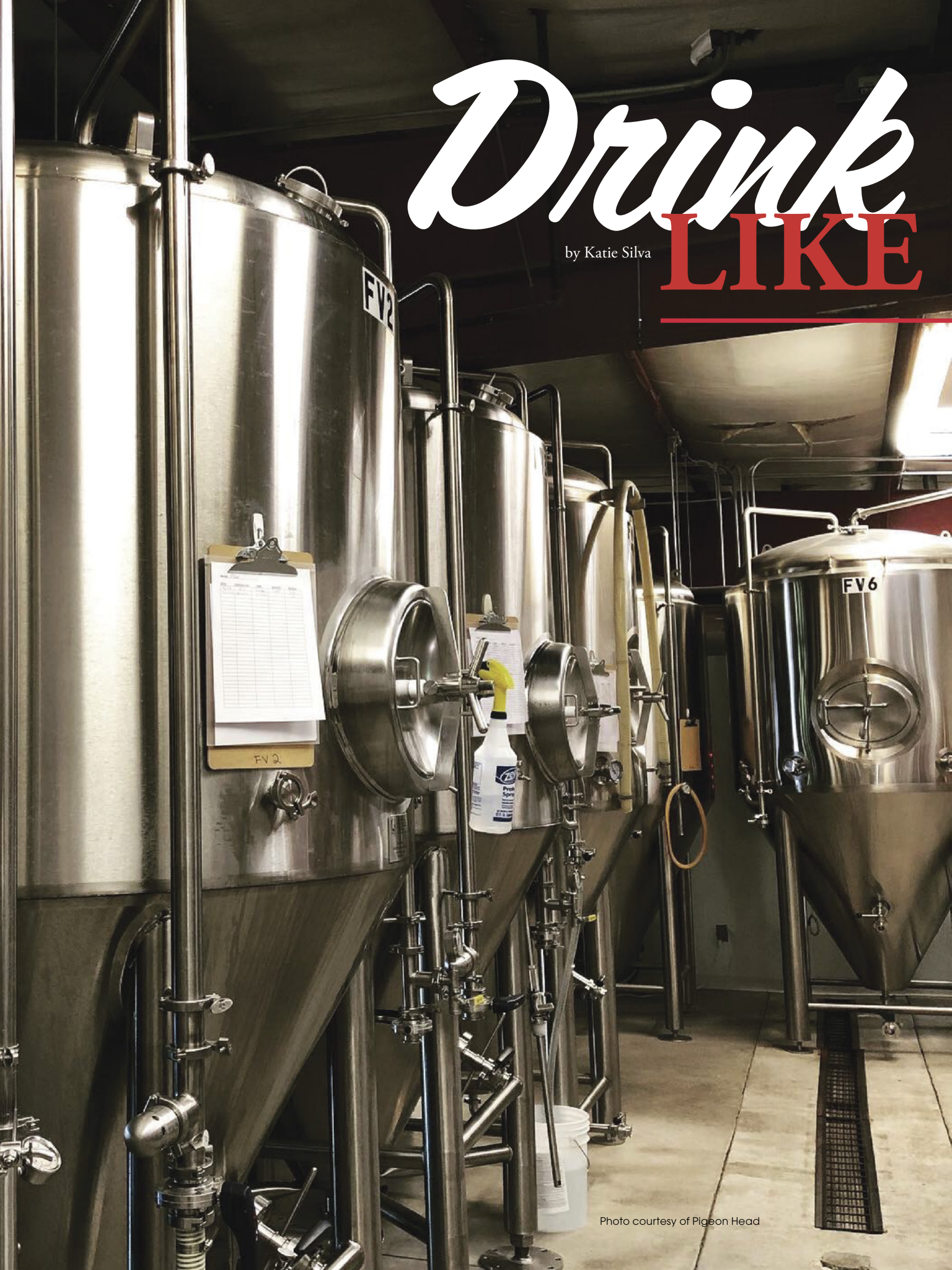


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A LOCAL

Discover Reno's Craft Beer Culture

The Reno/Sparks craft beer scene is diverse and dynamic, bringing together a mix of tradition, innovation, and community spirit. Local breweries here are more than just places to grab a drink; they're cultural hubs where brewers experiment with flavors, revive traditional styles, and collaborate with local artists, food vendors, and musicians to create unique experiences. From small, intimate taprooms to sprawling brewery spaces, the local breweries offer everything from pale pilsners and bold IPAs to refreshing lagers and hazy, experimental brews. These breweries often celebrate Nevada's rugged beauty and independent spirit, with ingredients sourced from nearby Lake Tahoe and Sierra Nevada and designs that reflect the region's landscapes. Here, we explore three standout breweries – each with its own unique story, brewing style, and commitment to the cities' vibrant communities.



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Schussboom Brewing Co.

Inspired by the thrill of carving down a mountain at full speed, Schussboom Brewing Co. in south Reno blends German brewing tradition with a passion for innovation, offering a dynamic lineup of handcrafted beers and a menu packed with satisfying flavors. From crisp, refreshing pilsners to bold, hop-forward IPAs, there's a brew for every taste.

Pair your pint with a meal that's just as thoughtfully crafted. The kitchen serves up hand-stretched pizzas, flavorful wings, hearty sandwiches, and indulgent desserts, making Schussboom a go-to spot for both casual bites and full feasts. Lighter options like fresh salads provide balance, while the weekend-only breakfast menu offers the perfect start to a laid-back morning.

Schussboom Brewing Co. is located at 12245 S. Virginia Street in Reno.



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Pigeon Head Brewery

Pigeon Head Brewery, a Reno staple since 2014, is all about handcrafted lagers with a personal touch. Founded by Eddie Silveira and James Mann, and later acquired by Bryan Holloway and Peter Crooks, Pigeon Head has remained committed to quality and tradition. Holloway, the original head brewer, brings a unique mix of artistry and formal brewing training, having earned a degree in Music Education from the University of Nevada, Reno and a diploma in Brewing Technology from the World Brewing Academy.

Operating a 20-barrel brewhouse, Pigeon Head is known for its unautomated, hands-on brewing process. They offer a lineup of lagers, including their flagship Pilsner, Black Lager, and Red Rye Lager, as well as seasonal specialties like Oktoberfest and Baltic Porter. To diversify their menu, they also produce ales, including their popular Fly By Night IPA and Silver Sage Pale Ale made with sage leaves.

Pigeon Head's Brewery District taproom, open seven days a week, is a gathering spot for Reno locals. With event space and a new beer garden under the Wells Avenue overpass, Pigeon Head is deeply committed to community involvement, frequently donating products and time to local events and nonprofits.

Pigeon Head Brewery is located at 840 E. 5th Street in Reno.





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Revision Brewing Company

Founded on the principle of creative freedom, Revision Brewing Company in Northern Nevada has quickly gained international acclaim. Brewmaster Jeremy Warren's vision was to create a brewery that champions both the art of brewing and bold, expressive branding. Revision's lineup is extensive, spanning IPAs, stouts, lagers, and their recent addition of hard seltzers. Distributed across 15 states and 8 countries, Revision's beers have won awards from the U.S. to Japan and Germany.

One of the brewery's most beloved offerings is the Reno As F%k Hazy IPA, which earned Gold at the 2019 World Lupulin Challenge. The success of this "AF" series inspired the launch of Vegas As F%k Hazy IPA, connecting with locals across Nevada. Revision's dedication to quality and innovation extends to their distinctive labels, created by more than 20 artists who keep the visual experience as fresh and unique as the brews themselves.

For those looking to experience Revision firsthand, the taproom provides a welcoming space to enjoy their award-winning creations and explore the artistry behind each brew.

Revision Brewing Company is located at 380 S. Rock Boulevard in Sparks.

From Schussboom's small batch offerings to Pigeon Head's lager expertise and Revision's bold, award-winning IPAs, Reno and Sparks's breweries offer an impressive range of craft beer experiences. Each brewery brings its own personality, passion, and commitment to quality, making Reno/Sparks a true destination for beer enthusiasts.



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A LOCAL

by Katie Silva

Bold Flavors in the Biggest Little City

Reno may be known for its casinos and beautiful landscape, but it's also a city full of incredible culinary experiences. For Asian cuisine lovers, Reno has a vibrant scene, offering everything from traditional Thai flavors to Asian fusion and high-end Chinese dishes. Here's a look at three standout restaurants bringing Asian-inspired cuisine to the Biggest Little City.



Photos courtesy of Rice/Noodle Box Kitchen



Photos courtesy of Moo Dang

Moo Dang

Located in Midtown, Moo Dang Thai Restaurant has been spicing up Reno's culinary scene since it opened in 2015. Founded by a husband-and-wife team from Thailand and Missouri who met in Lake Tahoe, Moo Dang is a true blend of culture, flavor, and heart. Chef "Mom" brings authentic Thai spice straight from Bangkok, while "Pop" curates a wide selection of craft beers to perfectly complement the dishes.

Moo Dang specializes in classic Thai dishes like Red Roast Pork and Thai Noodle Soups, crafted from fresh Thai ingredients and without MSG. The menu also features a variety of vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options, ensuring there's something for everyone. Signature dishes include Pad Thai, Papaya Salad, Tom Yum Soup, Panang Curry, and Drunken Noodles. And for dessert, there's the ever-popular Mango and Sticky Rice, a sweet finish to any meal.

With eco-friendly to-go containers, Moo Dang not only offers incredible food but also cares for the environment. Whether you're in the mood for extra-spicy or extra-mild, Moo Dang promises a memorable and customizable dining experience.

Moo Dang is located at 1565 S. Virginia Street, Reno.





Photos courtesy of Rice/Noodle Box Kitchen

Rice/Noodle Box Kitchen

Founded by self-taught chef Perapol Damnernpholkul, Rice/Noodle Box Kitchen brings San Francisco flair to Reno with Asian-inspired comfort food. Known for his popular Gossip Kitchen in San Francisco, Perapol combines his love for cooking and interior design to create a cozy, welcoming atmosphere at Rice/Noodle Box. He brings his family's recipes, inspired by his childhood in Thailand and Sunday dinners with friends, to each dish he serves.

At Rice/Noodle Box Kitchen, each dish is prepared with organic ingredients, from chicken to tofu, and served in eco-friendly green to-go boxes. The flavors are simple yet bold, creating a sense of home-cooked nostalgia in every bite. Menu highlights include Asian-inspired comfort dishes like Khao Mun Tofu, Tom Kha Noodle Soup, and Kimchi Fries, crafted fresh each day, and designed for those who crave bold, satisfying flavors on the go.

Rice/Noodle Box Kitchen prides itself on using high-quality, fresh ingredients and offering a variety of gluten-free options. It's a go-to spot for those looking for a quick and flavorful meal without compromising on quality.

Rice/Noodle Box Kitchen is located at 490 S. Center Street in Reno.





CHI

For a fine dining experience with Asian elegance, look no further than CHI at the Peppermill Reno. With its lavish decor featuring intricate Asian artwork, rich tapestries, and stunning statues, CHI offers an immersive dining experience that transports guests straight to the heart of Asia. CHI's Master Chef creates dishes that balance traditional flavors with contemporary flair, making every meal an adventure.

CHI's extensive menu features dishes like Braised Roasted Pork Belly and Oyster with Tofu, served in a clay pot, and Peking Duck, available as a half or whole duck. For seafood lovers, the Live Whole Maine Lobster and Sweet and Sour Whole Fish are just a few of the standout options. Each dish is meticulously prepared to ensure a blend of robust flavors, and the restaurant also offers a signature cocktail list to kick off the dining experience in style.

Perfect for date nights, special occasions, or anyone wanting a taste of luxury, CHI is a must-visit for Asian cuisine lovers in Reno.

CHI is located inside the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino at 2707 S. Virginia Street in Reno.

Each of these three restaurants offers a unique dining experience that showcases Reno's diverse Asian cuisine options. Whether you're in the mood for classic Thai flavors at Moo Dang, Asian-inspired comfort food at Rice/Noodle Box Kitchen, or an elegant meal at CHI, Reno's Asian culinary scene has something to satisfy every palate.





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at Peppermill's Terrace Lounge

by Katie Silva

In the vibrant landscape of live music, Los Angeles band Rose's Pawn Shop stands as a beacon of eclectic Americana, blending bluegrass instrumentation with folk-rock amplification to create a sound as diverse as the city that birthed them. For years, Rose's Pawn Shop has graced the stage of Peppermill's Terrace Lounge, where they have cultivated a devoted local following with their dynamic performances and infectious energy.





ROSE'S PAWN SHOP

Rose's Pawn Shop's journey is one of resilience and evolution, reflected in their long-awaited album *Punch-Drunk Life* after an eight-year hiatus from the recording studio. Led by frontman Paul Givant's sharp songwriting, the band's sound has matured and expanded, infusing bursts of banjo and mandolin into their melodies while maintaining their signature blend of raw percussive stomp and stacked vocal harmonies. With contributions from bandmates Zachary Ross, Stephen Andrews, Tim Weed, Matt Lesser, and John Kraus, *Punch-Drunk Life* heralds a new chapter for Rose's Pawn Shop, marked by poignant storytelling and spirited performances.

As the band navigated the challenges of a shifting lineup and global pandemic, they found solace and inspiration in their shared love of music and camaraderie. Each band member brings their unique perspective to the table, from Givant's finely detailed songwriting to Andrews' southern bona fides and Weed's multi-instrumental prowess. Together, they weave a tapestry of sound that captures the essence of their journey – one marked by triumphs, trials, and the unbreakable bonds of friendship.

For fans of Rose's Pawn Shop, experiencing their music live is unforgettable. The Terrace Lounge at Peppermill offers the perfect setting, with its upscale ambiance and breathtaking views of the pools and gardens. Set in a rotunda adorned with plush furnishings and a grand chandelier, the Lounge exudes elegance and charm, providing the ideal backdrop for an intimate evening of music and cocktails.

Craft cocktails made with locally sourced ingredients and an extensive selection of exclusive whiskeys set the stage for a night to remember. And with free nightly live music, the Terrace Lounge is not just a venue, it's a destination where local and up-and-coming artists can showcase their talent to a new audience. Coupled with small plates from Biscotti's, it's the perfect escape for a night on the town – a place where music, magic, and memories merge.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join Rose's Pawn Shop at Peppermill's Terrace Lounge, where the music is as vibrant as the atmosphere.



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Inside Peppermill Reno's Groundbreaking Ice Program

When you think of Peppermill Reno, visions of luxurious accommodations, world-class dining, and vibrant nightlife may come to mind. But beneath the surface of this iconic resort lies an art form as fleeting as it is mesmerizing: ice carving. Led by Assistant Executive Chef and master ice carver Arjel Guno, Peppermill's ice program is a blend of creativity, innovation, and engineering – a testament to the artistry and ambition that define the property.

From producing crystal clear blocks of ice to carving intricate sculptures and custom cocktail cubes, the ice program has evolved into a one-of-a-kind operation. This is the story of how it all began and where it stands today.



ICE

by Katie Silva





The Beginning

Guno's introduction to ice carving came as a surprise. After winning a pumpkin carving contest, Peppermill's general manager recommended that Guno be trained in the art of ice. From there, Guno began honing his craft, first with small carvings displayed at Sunday brunches, moving to larger pieces like life-sized sculptures displayed at New Year's Eve parties. His first solo piece was an astonishing replica of the White House, created with 30 ice blocks, displayed at a Safari Club convention. Since taking ownership of the property's ice program, the number of ice sculptures has steadily increased from one to two per event to, most recently, 11 ice sculptures displayed at Barrels & Bites, a fundraiser supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows.

Peppermill Reno's ice program began modestly with just four chambers dedicated to freezing ice blocks. Each chamber was essentially a large rectangular freezer, equipped to create blocks of ice weighing up to 400 pounds. Back then, the scope of the program was small.

"When I started, it was just a couple of basic panels or maybe a logo," recalls Guno. "We didn't imagine back then how much this would grow."

However, the demand for custom ice grew steadily, driven by Peppermill's commitment to offering something extraordinary for their guests. The program expanded from four chambers to 12, with production scaling up to meet the needs of Peppermill's events, restaurants, bars, and lounges.

"We started with four chambers and thought that was enough. Now we have 12, and sometimes I wish we had even more," Guno jokes. "The ultimate dream is to turn the parking garage into an ice facility!"



A Crystal Clear Vision

*“The longer
you take to
freeze the ice,
the clearer
it gets”*

The clarity of Peppermill’s ice is legendary, a feature that sets it apart from the competition. Achieving such perfection requires both engineering precision and an obsessive attention to detail. Each chamber is equipped with a pump that circulates water continuously during the freezing process. This movement prevents air bubbles from forming, creating ice that is as clear as glass.

“When water is moving, it doesn’t trap air, and that’s the secret,” Guno explains. “It’s the same reason why ice in rivers or waterfalls is so clear – it’s constantly flowing.”

The process is deliberate and time-intensive. Each block of ice takes four to five days to freeze completely, ensuring clarity and structural integrity. After freezing, the blocks are trimmed to a uniform size of 20 by 40 by 10 inches, each weighing about 300 pounds.

“The longer you take to freeze the ice, the clearer it gets,” Guno adds. “If you rush it, you’ll see bubbles and cloudiness. Quality ice takes patience.”





From Art to Utility

What makes Peppermill's ice program stand out isn't just the clarity of its ice but the range of creative uses for it. On one end of the spectrum are large-scale ice sculptures, crafted for special events, weddings, and corporate gatherings. On the other end is craft ice, used in cocktails served throughout the resort's bars.

The sculptures showcase a breathtaking level of artistry. From majestic eagles to full-scale dinosaurs, the creations often serve as the centerpiece for events. The Jurassic Park-themed T-Rex, one of the program's most ambitious projects, required 23 blocks of ice and meticulous engineering to achieve its towering 8-foot height.

"When I sculpt, I think about what makes the subject recognizable," Guno explains. "For a T-Rex, it's the teeth and proportions. For an eagle, it's the feathers. Those are the details that matter."

In addition to sculptures, the program produces custom craft ice for cocktails. Bartenders use a variety of shapes – spheres, cubes, diamonds, and more – all made with the same attention to detail. Some cubes are even etched with the Peppermill logo or filled with edible glitter for an added touch of luxury.

"Good ice makes a drink better," Guno says. "It melts slower, keeps the flavors intact, and adds visual appeal. We want every element, even the ice, to reflect our high standards."



“Ice is heavy and fragile, so you need to balance the design”

A Team Effort

While Guno leads the program, he's quick to credit his team for its success. The ice program includes a diverse group of artists and technicians who bring unique skills to the table. Sarah Geisler, property mixologist and talented 2D artist, handles much of the design work, while Alan Saloney Jr., a sushi chef at Peppermill's Oceano restaurant, provides critical support during production.

"Sarah is amazing at drawing and textures," Guno notes. "Alan, on the other hand, is a hard worker who ensures everything runs smoothly. When I'm carving, he's there to make sure the floor is clear, the tools are ready, and everything is safe."

New to the team is Brian Valencia, an award-winning cake designer who also works in Peppermill's pastry kitchen. His talent for 3D art and design makes him the perfect addition.

The collaborative nature of the team allows the program to tackle ambitious projects. For example, creating the T-Rex sculpture involved hours of preparation – measuring, stacking, and aligning blocks of ice to ensure the final design would be stable and proportional. The carving process itself took days, requiring the use of chainsaws, chisels, and specialized tools like die grinders to shape the ice.

"It's not just about carving," Guno explains. "You have to think about engineering, too. Ice is heavy and fragile, so you need to balance the design with practical considerations."

Challenges and Innovation

Working with ice is both physically demanding and creatively challenging. The team works in a freezer set to 17°F, a temperature carefully calibrated to keep the ice stable without making it too brittle. They wear heavy gear, including non-slip boots, gloves, and insulated jackets, to stay safe in the freezing conditions.

"Safety is a top priority," Guno says. "We use power tools like chainsaws and grinders, which require focus and precision. If your hands are numb or you're not wearing the right gear, it can be dangerous."

Despite the challenges, the team thrives on pushing boundaries. One of the program's most innovative features is its use of computer numerical control (CNC) technology. The CNC machine allows for precise cutting of logos and simple designs, though more complex sculptures, like the T-Rex, are still carved entirely by hand.

"CNC is great for things like logos, but it can't replace the artistry of hand carving," Guno notes. "For something unique, it's all about experience and creativity."



“We use power tools like chainsaws and grinders, which require focus and precision”



Ice as an American Dream

For Guno, the ice program represents more than just creative expression – it’s a deeply personal journey. Originally from Batangas in the Philippines, he was one of 28 chefs selected from more than a thousand applicants to work at Peppermill Reno in 2007. The opportunity to come to the U.S. was a dream come true, and he’s remained loyal to the resort ever since. From his beginning as an assistant master cook at Peppermill’s buffet, to being promoted to Assistant Executive Chef in 2024 and leading the resort’s ice program, Guno is a testament to growth through hard work and perseverance.

“Peppermill gave me a chance to prove myself,” Guno reflects. “I’ve grown so much here, both as a chef and as an artist. Every ice carving I do is a way of saying thank you.”

Peppermill Reno’s ice program is more than just a showcase of artistry – it’s a testament to the power of innovation, teamwork, and passion. Whether it’s a towering sculpture or a perfectly clear cube in a cocktail, every piece of ice reflects the resort’s commitment to excellence.

For Guno, it’s about more than carving ice. It’s about telling stories, pushing boundaries, and creating moments that connect people.

“This is more than just ice,” he concludes. “It’s about creating something that lasts, even if it’s only for a moment. That’s what makes it special.”

The Peppermill ice program shines as both a remarkable achievement and a story of dreams realized – proof that even something as simple as frozen water can be transformed into extraordinary art.

A VISIT WITH NEVADA'S ICHTHYOSAUR





DEEP TIME

by Don Vetter, Nevada Museum of Art

We know the joys of leisure travel, the agendas of business travel, and the fond memories of family travel. Now add time travel to your bucket list, thanks to the Nevada Museum of Art's latest exhibit, *Deep Time: Sea Dragons of Nevada*. The 9,000-square-foot exhibition tells the 250-million-year-old story of Nevada's state fossil, the ichthyosaur, through a unique blend of paleontology, art, history, and design.

Long before there were humans or even dinosaurs, there were ichthyosaurs – colossal marine reptiles that swam and thrived in an ancient ocean in what is known today as Nevada's Basin and Range.

TRAVEL TO THE PAST

In *Deep Time*, visitors will journey through Nevada’s prehistoric past with spectacular, never-before-seen fossils of these sea reptiles, which may be the largest creatures to ever inhabit the earth. Anchoring the largest gathering of giant ichthyosaur fossils ever assembled under one roof is a full-sized, interactive ichthyosaur projected onto a wall – it reacts to human movement and presence, giving guests an opportunity to “swim” alongside the ancient reptile while fully grasping the size and magnitude of the gigantic creature.

Visitors begin their journey through *Deep Time* by stepping into a darkened gallery surrounded by illuminating beams of light and a shifting veil of mist-like haze. The immersive artwork, titled *Swell* by artist Anthony McCall, functions metaphorically as a virtual time machine that transports visitors into an ancient ocean during the Triassic period.

In the main exhibit space, museumgoers wander through displays representing Nevada mountain ranges to discover more than 20 fossil specimens excavated between 1868 and 2022. Many have never been shown to the public before, including specimens from an early 1900s expedition led by groundbreaking paleontologist Annie Alexander. There are also specimens from Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park near Gabbs, a stellar day trip from Reno through the high desert, playas, and sand dunes of central Nevada.

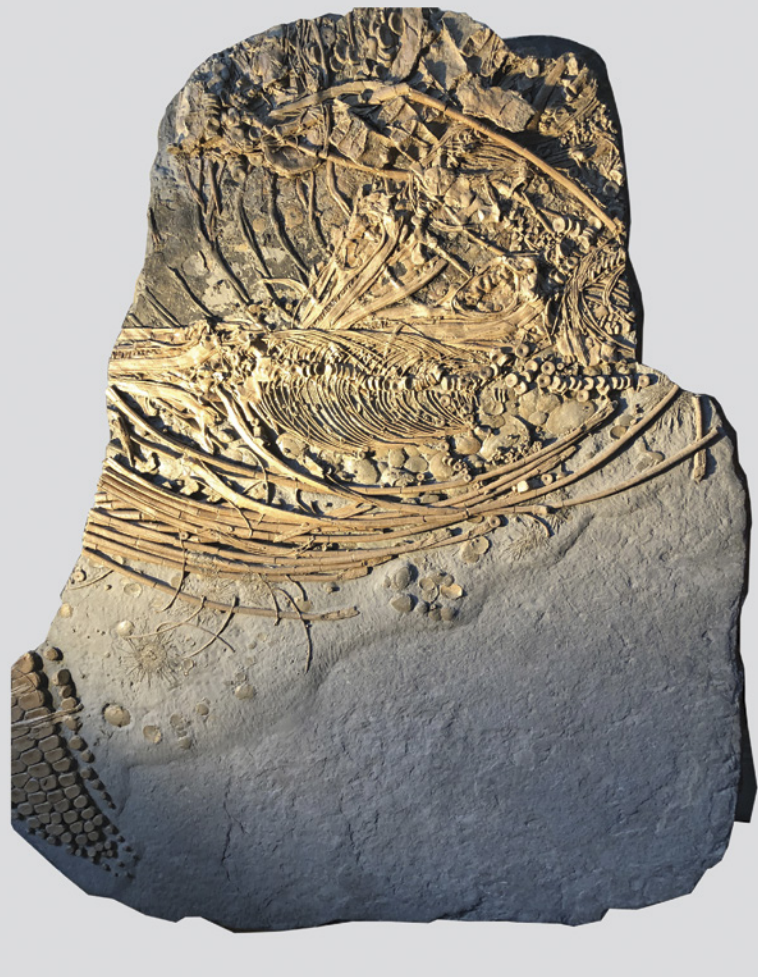
ICHTHYOSAUR FLIPPER

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Age: Jurassic,
200 million years old



JURASSIC-PERIOD FOSSILIZED REMAINS OF A FEMALE ICHTHYOSAUR

Showing baby skeletons inside pregnant female



“THERE IS A REASON THE ICHTHYOSAUR IS THE STATE FOSSIL OF NEVADA”

Deep Time is inspired by a thesis on *gigantism* introduced in 2024 by Dr. Martin Sander, Professor of Vertebrate Paleontology at University of Bonn, Germany. Dr. Sander travels to rural Nevada annually to study and excavate fossil beds containing the prehistoric ichthyosaur. Sander co-curated the exhibit with the Nevada Museum of Art’s Chief Curator Ann M. Wolfe. Sander has been doing field work in central Nevada since 1991, drawn back time and again by the abundance of ichthyosaur fossils.

“Geological time, millions of years, is an incredibly difficult thing to comprehend. In this way, it is like the universe. But deep time is an extension of our historical time, and as paleontologists and geologists, we have found a way to travel back into deep time and find very different worlds from today’s. But at the same time, we realize that history also often repeats itself in deep time as well,” Sander says. “I want visitors to take this insight with them, but also understand what a special place Nevada is for understanding the history of the ichthyosaur.”

Certain ichthyosaur species were larger than a locomotive and are considered by some to be the largest reptiles to have ever lived on Earth. Ichthyosaur eyes measured nearly a foot in diameter, the largest of any vertebrate animal. The ichthyosaur, meaning “fish-lizard” in Greek, inhabited prehistoric seas for 160 million years before extinction.

“There is a reason the ichthyosaur is the state fossil of Nevada,” Sander says. “(This) is the place where you have the largest number of species of ichthyosaur of any time and any place, and it’s the place with the largest shape diversity – large, small, large head, small head, largest body size,” explains Sander. “All the interesting parts in ichthyosaur evolution happened in the Triassic, and the hot spot is Nevada.”



**SEA FLOOR WITH AMMONITES
AND A SMALL ICHTHYOSAUR**

Age: Triassic, 245 million years old

ICHTHYOSAUR SKULL

from a skeleton nicknamed "Jim II"

Age: Triassic, 243 million years old



ICHTHYOSAUR JAWBONE

part of the skeleton nicknamed "Ramona"

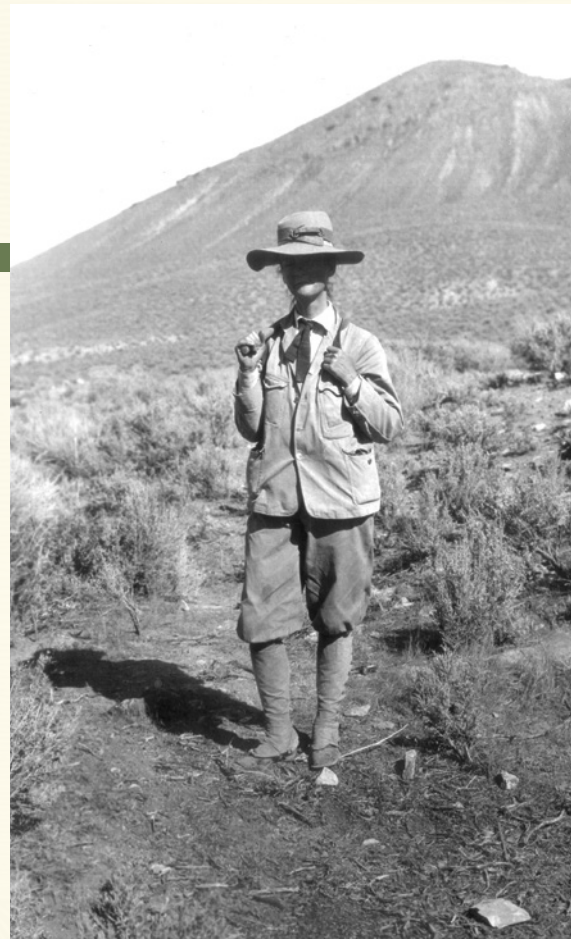
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HIGHLIGHTS OF DEEP TIME

The exhibit combines science with art, history, and design to tell the story of the rise and fall of the ichthyosaur and its unique connection to Nevada. Highlights of *Deep Time: Sea Dragons of Nevada* include:

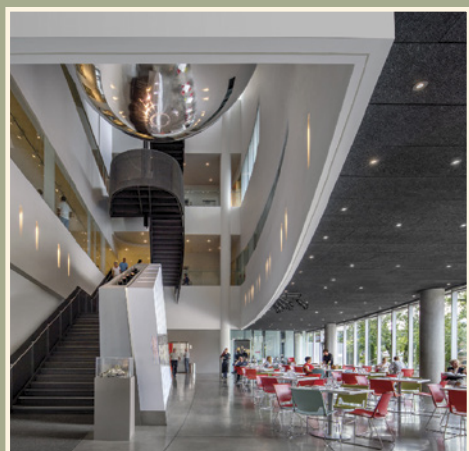
- Recently discovered fossils from the newest ichthyosaur species, *Cymbospondylus youngorum*, excavated in the Augusta Mountains of Nevada
- Fossils, photographs, and field journal pages from the 1905 Saurian expedition to Nevada's Humboldt Range
- Fossils excavated from the Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Historic Park quarry
- The story of fossil hunter Mary Anning, the first woman to discover an ichthyosaur fossil in Great Britain in 1811
- Striking examples of paleoart, revealing how artists and scientists have long worked together to imagine the world's prehistoric marine creatures
- One of the nation's largest collections of vintage prehistoric animal toys amassed by Jack Arata after visiting the ichthyosaur fossils in Berlin, Nevada as a young boy in the 1950s



PALEONTOLOGIST ANNIE ALEXANDER
in the Humboldt Range of Nevada, 1905

The exhibit also highlights the contributions of the unsung woman paleontologist Alexander, detailing many of her fossil discoveries in Nevada's outback. Additionally, the Museum is publishing a children's storybook, authored by Wolfe with illustrations by Nevada-based artist Kate O'Hara, centered on Alexander's numerous expeditions. During her 1905 expedition to the Humboldt Range, Alexander's team excavated 25 ichthyosaur specimens, some of which were the largest and most complete of their kind ever discovered in North America.

"The *Deep Time* exhibition gives us clues about the lives of these ancient sea creatures, revealing how understanding of our prehistoric past may help us anticipate our own future," Wolfe says. "The Nevada Museum of Art is the first stop on a journey of discovery."



The Nevada Museum of Art is located at 160 W. Liberty Street in Reno.

For more information, please call 775.329.3333 or visit nevadaart.org.





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T H E A T E R R E N A I S S A N C E

A Look at the Beloved Venues Bringing Stories to Life

by Mary Bennett

The live theater experience is thriving in Reno's Biggest Little City. Nestled in midtown and downtown Reno are three wonderful local theaters that serve the community and visitors in an impressive and unique manner. The ever-changing sets and environments at these local venues are a feast for the imagination. Each theater presents a distinctive season of plays and events that suit many appetites. As the shows change, so do the story arcs, the players, and the vibes, but the indelible experience of live theater remains in the memory and conversations of many.

The three theaters were forged during the pandemic as they collaborated to ensure each theater could flourish. Together, they strategized to keep their doors open, supporting each other and local artists through challenging times. This connection has brought light and success to all three companies that continue to present extraordinary theater to and for our community.



BRÜKA THEATRE

This theatrical journey begins downtown on the corner of 1st and Virginia Streets. For 32 years, Brüka Theatre has stood at the heart of Reno, alongside the Truckee River, providing cutting-edge and unique performances. The artist-run Brüka Theatre has three inspired spaces for performances, events, and gatherings: their intimate mainstage, sub-Brüka, and Brüka's new space Brüka Studio 44 at 44 W. 1st Street, which serves as the daytime box office, bookstore and merchandise store, and a gathering space for workshops, readings, and meetings.

Brüka's shows are a dynamic mix of original works, contemporary and classic plays, outlandish and popular parodies like *The Buttcracker*, recognizable musicals, The BIGGEST little Theatre Festival, and Brüka's touring *Theatre For Children*. Last year's holiday highlight was *Little Miss Buttcracker* – a hilarious twist on *Little Miss Sunshine* meets *Dance Moms* in the beloved *Nutcracker* parody series.

Brüka's productions are timely, high-quality, and always entertaining. Their season runs from October to July. For tickets and information, visit bruka.org or follow them on social media @brukatheatre.



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GOOD LUCK MACBETH THEATRE

Good Luck Macbeth is located in the heart of Reno. The youngest of the three local companies, Good Luck Macbeth emerged during the city's economic downturn offering an additional theater space to foster artistic expression and accommodate the growing population of theater and performance artists in Northern Nevada. From beloved hit musicals to bold new works and everything in-between, Good Luck Macbeth is a go-to destination for captivating live theater. Whether you're a seasoned theater enthusiast or just looking for a unique night out, the productions offer something for everyone.

With a vibrant mix of genres and fresh, thought-provoking performances, Good Luck Macbeth is more than just a theater – it's a hub for creativity and community. Recent productions include *Something Rotten*, *Night of the Living Dead*, and the holiday show *The Golden Girls*. Good Luck Macbeth's season begins in January.

For upcoming shows, tickets, and more, visit goodluckmacbeth.org or follow them on social media @goodluckmacbeth.



RENO LITTLE THEATER

Founded in 1935, Reno Little Theater (RLT) is the oldest of the local theater companies. For 90 years, RLT has served local artists and audiences by providing a place where they can explore their creativity and

create connections through the arts. In many cases, those connections have lasted for generations. It's not uncommon to hear audience members reminisce about their own history with the organization, from watching their grandmother onstage decades ago to seeing their child take their first bow as part of Reno Little Theater's Education Program.

Today, RLT continues to thrive with its 99-seat black box theater, established in 2012 in the Wells Avenue District. Reno Little Theater's mission is to create exceptional theatrical experiences that inspire, entertain, and build community through artistic engagement. Recent productions include *SpongeBob the Musical*, *POTUS*, and Ken Ludwig's *The Three Musketeers*.

RLT's season runs from August to July. For tickets and more information, visit renolittletheater.org or follow them on social media @renolittletheater.

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An Angler's Paradise

by Tyler Carl

Fly Fishing the Reno-Tahoe Area in Fall and Winter

Whether you're a seasoned local or an angler traveling from afar, the Reno-Tahoe region offers an abundance of fly fishing adventures. With a variety of unique waterways, this area caters to all types of fishing experiences – from adrenaline-pumping moments to serene, peaceful escapes. Nowhere else allows you to start your day landing world-class fish in Pyramid Lake, enjoying lunch in downtown Reno, and finish the day reeling in a record catch on the Truckee River.

As the air cools during fall and winter, the fly fishing shifts, too. The summer crowds have dispersed, Pyramid Lake opens its doors, and the fish are hungrier than ever before. Now is the perfect time to assemble your gear, gather your friends, and explore the bounty of fly fishing spots that make this region an angler's paradise.

Truckee River



The iconic Truckee River, which stretches 121 miles through the rugged Sierra Nevada mountains, the Reno-Sparks communities, and into Pyramid Lake, is a cornerstone of the Reno-Tahoe fly fishing experience.

Home to a rich variety of trout, including rainbow and brown, the Truckee River boasts sections where 18- to 24-inch trout await the skilled angler. With its dynamic waterway that flows from fast-moving currents to gentle meanders, the river offers a challenge for all skill levels and a range of experiences.

The city parks dotting Reno and Sparks like Idlewild, Wingfield, and Rock offer convenient access points to the river, and if you're a beginner looking for relaxing entry points into the sport, check out Mayberry Park in Reno and Lockwood Park east of Sparks.

If you're seeking a more natural backdrop, venture west to Verdi's Crystal Peak Park for a peaceful escape or head east toward Pyramid Lake for lesser-known fishing spots on scenic river bridges. For those craving seclusion, the California side of the Truckee River offers rugged fishing along Prosser Creek to the state line and features a combination of large fish and breathtaking views of snow-capped mountains and pine forests.

Pyramid Lake



Once a hidden gem, the 112,000-acre Pyramid Lake is now a legend for fly fishers across the globe. The lake offers some of the largest fish you can catch on a fly rod, and the largest ones you can catch with such ease of access as it's only 45 minutes from downtown Reno.

In the lake, there's one king – the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. It's the bucket list fish for any experienced angler, and if you have the chance, don't miss out on the opportunity to snag a prize catch. You can almost guarantee a 10-20 pounder and have the potential of netting a 30-pound giant.

The fish will change their behaviors with the shifting seasons. During the fall, the water is often warm enough for the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout to be in the deeper waters. This requires fly fishers to use heavier lines and hop on their boats to get farther out. Once it cools, the fish will begin to hug the shore, which necessitates setting up ladders and using indicator rigs to try your hand at catching the big one.

The lake is a great spot to head out in a group to have fun with friends and family. You'll find plenty of space to stretch out with spots for everyone. The lake is accessible from a number of areas, but Pelican Point and Warrior Point are great starting locations to reel in these trophy fish.

Hidden Gems

For anglers looking to explore more intimate, secluded spots, Reno-Tahoe has a few hidden treasures that offer solitude and rewarding catches.

Little Truckee River

While this can be a hot spot in the summer, the Little Truckee River quiets down as the cool air sets in. Nestled between the Stampede and Boca reservoirs, this intimate stretch of water is backdropped by the gorgeous Sierra forests and contains picky rainbow and brown trout, which are a great test for pro anglers.

East Walker River

Heading south of Carson City, you'll find the East Walker River stemming from the Bridgeport Reservoir and into Nevada. It's a serene escape with stunning natural scenery and large, hungry brown trout, perfect for those looking to cast their line in a tranquil setting.



Local Guides

No matter your experience level, local guides can help enhance your fly fishing adventures by offering valuable insights and techniques.

Northern Nevada Fly Fishing Academy (NNFFA)

For beginners or pros looking to fly fish the Truckee River, Jason Mattick at NNFFA is a knowledgeable guide. Even if you're new to fly fishing, NNFFA can provide a full set of gear and guide you through the experience. Learn more at theflyfishingacademy.net.

Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing

For those seeking the legendary catches on Pyramid Lake, Jeremy Wright and the team at Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing can guide you through the process. With more than 20 years of experience, their team can help improve the precise details of your technique so your next bite is a successful catch. Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing has had their clients hook world record fish in the lake, and they'll even cook full meals for groups small and large. Learn more at pyramidlakeflyfishing.com.



Getting Your Gear



Before heading out, be sure to check out local shops to gear up and learn about the latest regulations, reports, and weather.

Reno Fly Shop

Located in the heart of Reno, the Reno Fly Shop is your one-stop shop for flies, lines, or rods on the Truckee River. The staff is friendly and knowledgeable, and they'll be able to help you find the right gear for the right needs.

Learn more at renoflyshop.com.

Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing

For the lake, consider the convenience of the full-service Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing website. If you're looking for the best shot at catching a trophy-sized Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, check out their flies, which are designed and tested specifically for Pyramid Lake.

Learn more at pyramidlakeflyfishing.com.



Trout Creek Outfitters

If you're on your way to fly fish in the Sierra mountains, be sure to stop by Trout Creek Outfitters in Truckee. They're the touchstone for anglers of all levels seeking to outfit their kit with the best material for their Sierra journeys.

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