

Virginia City

A Tribute to the Biggest Silver Strike in US history.

Comstock Lode Marker in Virginia City

This marker pays tribute to the many mines of the Comstock Lode. The unimaginable wealth that poured out of the Comstock financed the Union army in the Civil war, built the opulence of San Francisco, affected world markets, and financed institutions that still affect the way we live today.

The Comstock sparked numerous innovations in mine engineering as well as timber harvesting and railroad and milling technology. It built Virginia City into the most important city between Denver and SF. The marker features ore stone from every county in Nevada. When you stand on the streets of Virginia City, there are over 600 miles of tunnels and shafts beneath your feet. They looked for a pay off everywhere but the bonanza finds were over by 1880.

You are in the midst of real wild west history when you are there.

Sites to visit:

1. also artifacts of archeological digs at historic saloon sites; artistic works of wild horses, pictures and local artists works

History Center Dayton #18 locomotive

2. Mark Twain Museum (housed in the Territorial Enterprise building)

3. Fourth Ward School - history of the school; one room dedicated to Mark Twain; mining artifacts

4. Eateries : Red Dog Saloon (lunches and supper)

. The Cider House - South B Street

5. Mackay Mansion has Day Tours \$8; George Mackay had the Bonanza strike, largest in World History; he was one of the "Big Four" also called the Silver Kings"; Mansion is as it was in his time with original furnishings

6. Old downtown with shops; Virginia City burned in 1875 destroying 90% of the City; built back in about 1 year

7. The Virginia City Outlaws.

Step back in time and take the short drive to Virginia City! Drop by The Ole Virginny Theatre at 115 S. C Street and witness the award winning comedy gunfight & stunt team.... The Virginia City Outlaws! It's a half hour of old west fun for the whole family! Show times: Mon - Fri 1p & 3p, Sat & Sun 12p, 1:30p & 3p.

(Open seasonally, Memorial Day weekend thru September

Guided Tour of Historic Virginia City and Carson City from South Lake

Tahoe Lake With a guide, you'll start your day trip by minibus, driving along part of the Pony Express. When you reach Virginia City, a National Historic Landmark District, take a before enjoying free time in town to explore at your leisure, perhaps visiting museums or a historical saloon. \$65. Bus Tour

Genoa, NV

1. Founded as a trading post and wagon supply to outfit folks crossing the Sierra Madres; wagon trains could travel 2 mph covering about 10 mi a day
 1. 2000 miles took 5 months!
2. Genoa Bar (states oldest saloon) collection of gas and kerosene chandeliers
3. Genoa Courthouse Museum:
 1. Wander thru 1865 courtroom & jail
 2. Collection of Washo NA artifacts
4. Mormon Station Historic State Monument
Looks like old wild west fort

Reno, NV

1. National Automobile Museum

- Wm. Harrah (hotels and casinos) collected over 1400 cars
business and car collection purchased by Holiday Inn
The museum houses over 200 cars today, with only 175 of the original collection
1890's to 1970's including race cars
2. Multiple Casinos
 3. Reno Arch to Truckee River Walk (see guided tour)

Carson City, NV

1. Historic Kit Carson City walk
 2. Nevada State Railroad museum with rides
 3. Nevada State Museum with historical coin mint
 4. A Self-Guided Tour From Incline Village to South Lake Tahoe (\$12)
 5. Stewart Indian Cultural Center
 6. Virginia and Truckee Railroad tour (historical narration)
 7. Downtown walk with many eateries