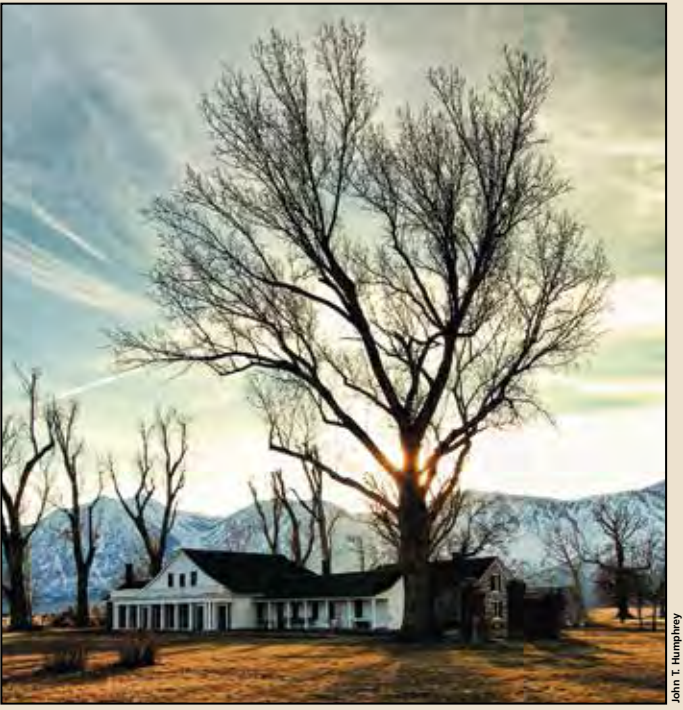





# DISCOVER CARSON VALLEY

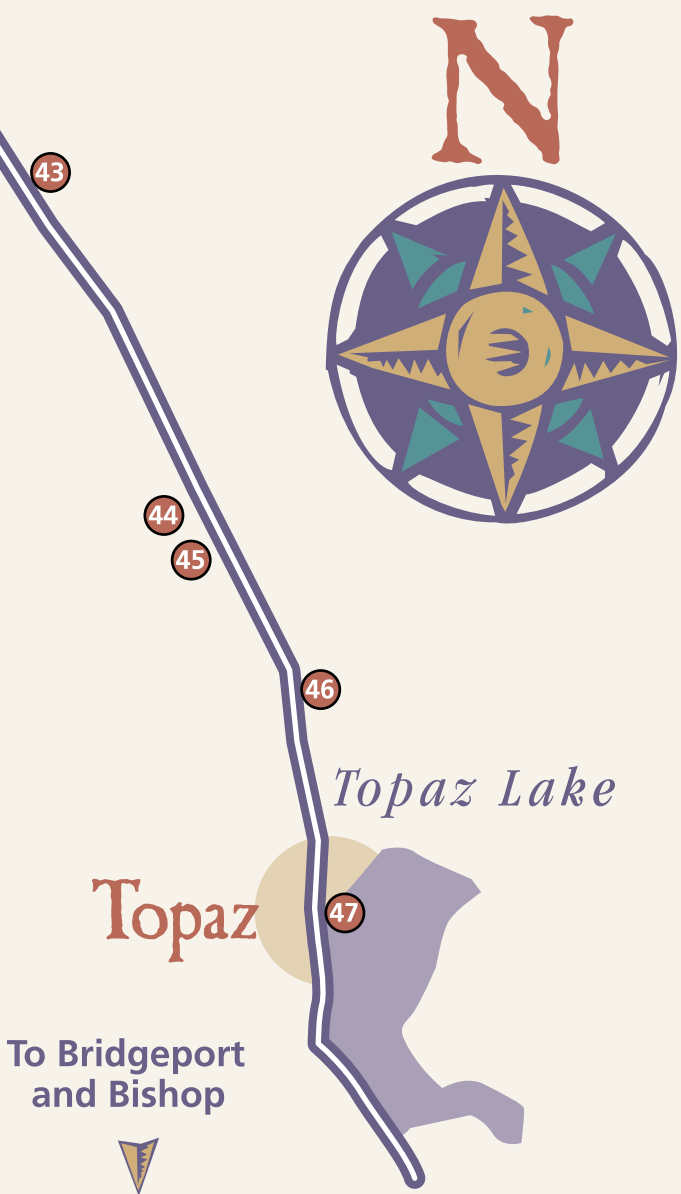




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- 1. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA** Many of the 250 species of birds common to Nevada can be found in Carson Valley.
- 2. JACKS VALLEY** In 1853 R.T. Hawkins filed the first land claim in this small valley. A small community grew around the claim. In the 1860s, Jacks Valley was a stop on the Pony Express Trail.
- 3. GENOA LAKES GOLF CLUB-RESORT COURSE** Formerly Sierra Nevada Golf Ranch. John James built his home and established his ranch near the site of the present clubhouse in the early 1850s.
- 4. ADAMS RANCH (PRIVATE)** South of Genoa Lakes Golf Resort. The 1850s ranch was a stopping place for travelers on the Emigrant Trail. The brick kiln on the premises supplied bricks for many of Genoa's buildings.
- 5. GENOA LAKES GOLF CLUB-LAKES COURSE** Location of the region's first trading post, started in 1850 by Hampton Beatie, Abner Blackburn, and several others. Today, it is known as Mormon Station.
- 6. GENOA CEMETERY** Dates back to the 1870s. Many early Carson Valley pioneers, including Snowshoe Thompson, are buried here.
- 7. SENATOR HAINES HOUSE (PRIVATE)** U.S. Senator James Wallace Haines built this Victorian home in 1880. Mr. Haines invented and built the first V-flume used to bring timber out of the Sierra Nevada.

8. **OLD GENOA BREWERY** 1860s (PRIVATE) The stone portion of this building was all that was left after the fire of 1910. In the late 1950s Crystal Terry Ford built her home around the remains of the old brewery. N.R.H.P.
- 9. THE HANGING TREE** (East on Genoa Lane) This large stand of cottonwood trees is where a mob lynched Adam Uber after he fatally shot Hans Anderson. According to legend, Uber placed a curse on all involved.
- 10. BOYD TOLL ROAD** Traveling east on Genoa Lane you follow in the wheel ruts of pioneers' wagons. The first ranch house on the south side of the road was the home of Mr. Boyd, who built the toll road in 1861.
- 11. DAKE HOUSE** C.W. Dake, Genoa's first undertaker, built this home in the 1870s. Currently an antique shop. Gothic Victorian design. One of Nevada's oldest haunted houses. Open to the public.
- 12. DAVID WALLEY'S RESORT, HOT SPRINGS AND SPA, HISTORIC MARKER 120** The spa and 40-room hotel, built in 1862 by David and Harriet Walley, was a regular stage stop on the Emigrant Trail. It continues to operate as a resort.
- 13. VAN SICKLE STATION RANCH (PRIVATE)** Settled by Henry Van Sickle in 1853, this site once housed a livery operation, hotel, saloon, and boarding house. It was a Pony Express stop and is home to Nevada's Oldest Barn. The site now houses the Tahoe Ridge Winery and Marketplace.
- 14. KINGSBURY GRADE/DAGGET PASS, HISTORIC MARKER 117** Dagget Pass Trail was named for C.D. Dagget, who owned land at the foot of the trail in 1854. The pass shortened the distance between Sacramento and Virginia City by 15 miles. The Pony Express and the telegraph line followed this route.
- 15. MORRISON ALLERMAN SAWMILL** Directly across Foothill Road from the road to the Esmeralda mining district is the site of probably the last steam-operated sawmill on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada.
- 16. LAURA SPRINGS RANCH (PRIVATE)** (1456 Foothill Rd.) Settled in 1863 by Niels Morrison, a native of Norway, the property is now a working cattle ranch. An antique shop at the ranch hosts ranch tours, barbecues, and entertainment for groups.
- 17. PARK/HANSEN RANCH AND LUMBERYARD** The Park/Hansen sawmill operated above the ranch in Taylor Canyon. The sawmill provided the lumber for fence posts and many early Carson Valley barns and bridges.
- 18. DR. ELIZA COOK HOUSE (PRIVATE)** Dr. Eliza Cook became a doctor in 1884 and is thought to have been the first woman doctor in Nevada.
- 19. MOTTSVILLE, HISTORIC MARKER 121** The 1851 homestead of Hiram Mott and his son and daughter-in-law, Israel and Eliza, became the settlement of Mottsville. Eliza Mott was the first white woman settler. The death and burial of a Mott child in 1857 led to the creation of the area's first cemetery. The cemetery, 300 feet east of the marker, is all that remains of the community.
- 20. THE OLD MOTTSVILLE SCHOOL (PRIVATE)** Located a short distance south on Foothill Road and across from the Autumn Hills intersection, the school was built in the late 1850s.
- 21. SHERIDAN, HISTORIC MARKER 122** Once a busy community, Sheridan began as a small store operated by Moses Job in the early 1850s. Job named Job's Peak after he climbed the mountain and planted an American flag at the top. All that remains of the community is the Sheridan Hotel, now a private residence that can be seen to the east of the marker in the tall cottonwood trees.

*As you travel down Jacks Valley and Foothill roads you are traveling along the Carson branch of the Emigrant Trail and the historic Pony Express Trail. Settlers who made their homes in Carson County, Utah Territory, used this same route to enter the valley.*



- 22. BEN PALMER RANCH (PRIVATE)** The red barn located about a mile south of Sheridan on the east side of Foothill Road is all that remains of the Palmer ranch. Ben Palmer, a freed slave, and his family were early settlers on the Emigrant Trail.
- 23. SCOSSA RANCH (PRIVATE)** Three brothers in the Scossa family purchased the ranch in 1885. The family still owns the working ranch.
- 24. LUTHER CANYON, HISTORICAL MARKER 118** Luther Canyon was also known as Horse Thief Canyon because John and Lute Olds stole horses from the emigrants and hid them in the canyon.
- 25. THRAN HOUSE (PRIVATE)** Built in 1914 by the Thran family, the home's upstairs was unfinished and used for parties and area gatherings.
- 26. DOUGLAS COUNTY CREAMERY** (On Waterloo Lane past the sharp turn) Started by Carson Valley ranchers in 1893. In 1894 the creamery was awarded a gold medal at the Mid-Winter Expo and Fair in San Francisco. The creamery closed in 1915.
- 27. DANGBERG HOME RANCH** (South of Minden on S.R. 88, the first complex of ranch buildings to the west) H.F. Dangberg, Sr. built his ranching empire from this location. By 1870 Dangberg had acquired 4,000 acres of land, and by 1902 the family controlled over 20,000 acres. Dangberg died in 1904.
- 28. BOYD TOLL ROAD, HISTORIC MARKER 124** (U.S. Hwy 395) Built by Mr. Boyd in 1861, the road connected Genoa to the Cradlebaugh Toll Road, facilitating travel to and from the mining camps in Esmeralda County.
- 29. CRADLEBAUGH BRIDGE, HISTORIC MARKER 123** (U.S. Hwy 395) The remains of the old bridge built in 1861 by William "Bony" Cradlebaugh can be seen to the west of the present bridge. A waterwheel at the old bridge is where George Washington Ferris conceived the idea for the first Ferris Wheel.
- 30. MINDEN WOOL WAREHOUSE (PRIVATE)** (U.S. Hwy 395 and Buckeye Road) Constructed in 1916, the facility was used to store wool and potatoes.
- 31. MINDEN BUTTER MANUFACTURING COMPANY/WINDMILL CREAMERY (PRIVATE)** Established March 7, 1908, in a wooden building, the company made butter under the brand name "New Holland Process." By 1915 the creamery was producing 30,000 pounds a month and exporting to China. In 1916 a larger facility was needed, and the construction of this brick building began.
- 32. MINDEN FLOUR MILLING COMPANY (PRIVATE)** (U.S. Hwy 395 and Buckeye Road) Construction began in the spring of 1906 and operations began in 1907. The mill ceased operating in the late 1960s.
- 33. C.O.D. GARAGE** (U.S. Hwy 395) Established in 1912 by Clarence Oliver Dangberg, Fred Hellwinkel became the owner in 1919. Designed and used as a franchised auto dealership until 2005.
- 34. THE HEIDELBERG (FRANCISCO'S)** (U.S. Hwy 395 near the town clock at 3rd St. and Esmeralda Ave.) Built in 1910 by Fritz Dangberg, this building has a varied past. It has been home to a saloon, a soda fountain, a card parlor, and a café. A restaurant and bar is in operation today.
- 35. MINDEN, HISTORICAL MARKER 130** Town of Minden, the county seat since 1916. The Dangberg Company formed the town in 1906.
- 36. BLACKSMITH SHOP** (U.S. Hwy 395 and 2nd St.) Built in 1909 by C.E. Cole, the building has been occupied by a metal fabrication business ever since.
- 37. LAMPE PARK** (Located off U.S. Hwy 395 on Waterloo Lane) Picnic, play area, and public restrooms.
- 38. CARSON VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE** (West on Riverview Drive) Purchased in 1882 from the Pettigrew family, this property was ranched by Tom Wilslef until the floods of 1950 and 1955. The ranch sold in 1961 to Red Swift, who developed the 18-hole golf course.
- 39. CORLEY RANCH (PRIVATE)** (South of Gardnerville on U.S. Hwy 395) Part of the original Dangberg Ranch from 1861-1903, and Park Cattle Company's home ranch until 1937. Artist/author Will James worked the ranch; Kit Carson camped here. Now a working cattle and hay ranch and also hosts indoor and outdoor special events for groups.
- 40. DRESSLERVILLE, HISTORIC MARKER 131** (U.S. Hwy 395, 6 miles south of Gardnerville) William F. Dressler, a state senator in 1917 and a Carson Valley rancher, gave 40 acres to the Washo Tribe.
- 41. TWELVE MILE HOUSE, HISTORIC MARKER 125** Built by Thomas Wheeler where Boyd Toll Road and Cradlebaugh Toll Road converge, the 1860 way station got its name because of its distance from Genoa and from Cradlebaugh Bridge.
- 42. RODENBAUGH STATION** (South of Twelve Mile House at the bottom of the hill) Jake Rodenbaugh established the station in 1877 to serve the Esmeralda-bound traffic.
- 43. CARTER STATION** (Located south of Rodenbaugh Station and north of Double Springs. Originally called Mammoth Lodge) Carter Station housed a post office and was a polling place in 1861. Today, private homes are located on the site of the old station.
- 44. DOUBLE SPRINGS, HISTORIC MARKER 126** (Located 6 miles south of Carter Station) Established in 1861 by S.D. Fairchild, the way station consisted of a barn, a stable, and a hotel. In 1864, the then-current owner, Assemblyman and Justice of the Peace James C. Dean, murdered his wife. By 1885 the site was completely deserted. The Washo Tribe held round dances in the spring.
- 45. MOUNTAIN HOUSE** (Located south on U.S. Hwy 395 between Holbrook and Double Springs) First established by a Frenchman named La Seaux in the early 1860s. Mr. Holbrook purchased the property and the site came to be known as Holbrook Station. Today a picnic table is at the site.
- 46. HOLBROOK STATION** (Located at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 395 and S.R. 208) A small community with a store, restaurant, RV Park, and two hunting preserves.
- 47. TOPAZ** (Located south of Gardnerville on the Nevada-California border) Topaz Lake was created to provide irrigation water for farmers in the Wellington and Smith Valley area and has evolved into a recreation area for boating, fishing, and water skiing.

