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Say “I Do” In Carson Valley, Nevada, the Destination Wedding Location You Didn’t Know You Needed

With award-winning farm-to-table catering services, whimsical historic barns and unending mountain views, Carson Valley offers the ideal destination wedding

CARSON VALLEY, Nev. (Feb. 16, 2023) —If there are two things Carson Valley is known for, it’s the wide-open unblemished views of the Eastern Sierra and some of the oldest restored and rustic historic ranches in Nevada. Combined with amenities surprising for a small town, yet frequently referred to as a rural community, the area boasts farm-to-fork fare from regarded chefs and an Old West-style charm that can’t be bought. Before or after wedding festivities including hiking, mountain and road biking or more leisurely activities such as hot springs or antiquing, offer endless opportunities to keep guests active and engaged.



Located 45 minutes south of Reno, Nevada, the Carson Valley region encompasses historic Genoa, the towns of Minden and Gardnerville and Topaz Lake, and is also just 20 minutes from Lake Tahoe, north America’s largest alpine lake. Bursting with the Silver State’s oldest and largest ranches, history and

culture intermix and bring a certain down-home feel. Within these communities is a picture-perfect Carson Valley region offering personality-packed wedding venues dating back more than 160 years.

Dating back to 1851, Carson Valley's story began in historic Genoa—the first permanent settlement in Nevada. Home to the oldest operating bar, one of the longest running hot springs resorts and some of the oldest homes, churches, and other businesses in Nevada, the bragging rights in Genoa are far and wide and make this wild west town a popular hangout for visitors and locals alike. Those looking for a traditional setting to exchange vows can choose the non-denominational Genoa Community Church or opt for even more 1800s-era charm at the [White House Inn Bed & Breakfast](#), which offers a relaxed, natural environment at the base of the majestic Sierra Nevada.

Those planning a summertime wedding can choose the romantic elegance found at [The Orchard House](#) in Genoa offering a dreamy garden setting with two acres of lush green grass and perfectly manicured garden located beneath the boughs of 100-year-old fruit trees. Located minutes north of Genoa, [Genoa Lakes Golf Club](#) or just minutes to the south, is the oldest natural hot spring resorts in Nevada at [David Walley's Hot Spring Resort](#). In Genoa, catering options include the Genoa-based [Sierra Chef](#) and [The Pink House](#).

For a more down-home wedding, historic barns deliver an authentic and historic venue. Minden's [Park Home Ranch Venue](#) is a gorgeous estate that has remained under the same ownership since day one. The Park Family has ranched Carson Valley for generations and recently opened this historic barn property up to weddings offering up unbearably photogenic grounds and sweeping, 360 views of the region.

The [Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park](#) combines history and location like no other. Built by German immigrant Heinrich Fredrich Dangberg, one of the founders of Minden, this once tiny cabin has evolved into one of the stateliest ranches in northern Nevada. Say "I Do" on lush green lawns at this 120+ year-old homestead.

At downtown main street Minden, the picture-perfect Esmeralda Street is lined with Dangberg-funded buildings at every turn. Minden catering companies [Cook'd](#) or [Minden Meat & Deli](#) provide fun options.

Even more stately, wedding-ready ranches await just down the road in Gardnerville with the [Jacobs Family Berry Farm](#) where nuptials can be tied in a historic barn at the area's only berry growing property. Here, guests can stretch out on spacious green lawns beneath even more impressive shade trees next to a century-old farmhouse and barn with rustic charm surrounded by row upon row of blackberries and raspberries.

More options include venues at properties including [Corley Ranch](#), [Cottonwood Cottage](#), [Sunridge Golf and Recreations](#), [Twisting T-Bar Ranch](#) and the [Gansberg Ranch](#) – each offer manicured grounds and unmatched picturesque views.

New in Gardnerville is [The Warehouse](#). Located in the heart of historic Gardnerville and the core of downtown excitement, The Warehouse on Eddy Street offers indoor and outdoor options with 1,000 feet of warehouse room and adjacent yard space. Catering options include [Valley Eats](#), [Cocos on Main](#), [Café Girasole](#), and more. A must visit is family dining Basque-style at [JT Basque Bar & Dining Room](#) and leaving plenty of time for curated antique shopping at [Cheshire Antiques](#) and [Eddy Street Vintage Market](#), and an overnight stay at the [Historian Inn](#).

Guests will be comfortable and pampered at Carson Valley's lodging establishments. Find gaming, fine dining and a pool shaped like the state of Nevada at [Carson Valley Inn](#). Or enjoy the convenience and dependability of the [Holiday Inn Express & Suites](#) with its famous continental breakfast. More lodging options can be found [here](#).

For a complete list of Carson Valley wedding resources, [click here](#).

Along with Genoa, Minden, and Gardnerville, Topaz Lake is part of beautiful Carson Valley and straddles the California-Nevada state line 1.5 hours south of Reno-Tahoe International Airport. Beholding some of Nevada's first and oldest establishments, visiting Carson Valley means authentically interacting with Nevada's many histories while experiencing world-renowned outdoor recreation Nevada, and the American West is known for. From legendary forefathers who paved the way to Nevada statehood, to wild horse bands, eagles, and other wildlife, to premiere air sports, American Indian, Basque, and Western Ranching histories and cultures, and distinctive dining experiences that all exist here and only here, Carson Valley offers an adventure for everyone. For more information about lodging, special events, and more trip planning tools, see [VisitCarsonValley.org](#) or dial (775) 782-2555. The Visitor Information Center is located within the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center at 1477 U.S. Highway 395 N, Gardnerville, NV.

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