

HALF DAY ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Reno Tahoe presents a diverse assortment of attractions and activities within close proximity to downtown. For instance, in the spring and fall, you might be able to go skiing in the morning and golfing in the afternoon. Relaxing, laid-back experiences are also abundant. Most of the activities described here can be done at your leisure, with the option to spend a few hours or the entire day enjoying the sights and experiences. At the end of the day, treat your taste buds to the culinary delights at one of Reno's many restaurants - from buffets to fine dining.

ANIMAL ACTIVITIES & TOURS

Animal Ark, Reno - Animal Ark is a non-profit organization, wildlife sanctuary and education center; their mission is to inspire environmental stewardship through wildlife education and entertainment. Since 1981, Animal Ark has provided a safe haven for injured, abandoned and otherwise non-releasable wildlife. They educate tens-of-thousands of children and adults each year about ecological principles and wildlife by providing special programming events and educational tours. Animal Ark is open to the public six days a week. 25 miles north of Reno.

animalark.org, 775-970-3111

Rancho Red Rock, Reno - This horseback riding company can service small groups for trail rides or provide an overview of a working horse farm. The area is also a beautiful location for a picnic lunch. Rancho Red Rock is about 35 miles north of Reno.

775-969-3315

Red Rock Hounds, Reno - Red Rock Hounds raise and train fox hounds. The tour introduces fox hunting and provides a tour of the kennels. "We take seriously the responsibility of stewardship of the land we are so graciously permitted to access and to respect the animals that make that land their home. Red Rock Hounds endeavors to educate people on

observing the natural instincts of a team of hounds working in harmony and the responsibility we have for protecting open space and wildlife."

redrockhounds.com, 775-969-3243

Safe Haven Rescue Zoo, Imlay - Safe Haven is a wildlife sanctuary located in Imlay, Nevada which provides rehabilitative services and permanent placement for wildlife in need. Currently, residents include cougars, Siberian tigers, Bengal tigers, African servals, foxes, bobcats, Canadian lynx, coyotes and a desert tortoise. Tours include big cat feedings, enrichment demonstrations along with a history of the animal and how they came to live out their life at Safe Haven. Prearranged tours are available seven days a week. Safe Haven is about 2 hours, 15 minutes east of Reno or 30 minutes east of Winnemucca.

safehavenwildlife.com, 775-538-7093

Sierra Nevada Alpaca, Reno - An alpaca farm tour includes visiting the Alpacas, learning about the use of alpaca fiber and how the fiber is made into the end product such as horse blankets. Tours are free.

sierranevadaalpacas.com, 775-696-3871

ARTISTIC & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Clay Canvas - No artistic experience is needed to create your own one-of-a-kind ceramic piece in our paint-your-own pottery studio. It's a wonderful place to unwind, relax with friends and unleash your imagination. The studio fee includes all your paints, brushes, stencils, stamps, idea books, glazing and firing of your piece, and anything else you might need to create your masterpiece.

theclaycanvasreno.com, 775-828-4118

Picasso and Wine - It's not an art class... it's a painting party! Grab your friends, enjoy a beverage of your choice from the bar, and let the talented instructors guide you



step-by-step through an original painting, while listening to some funky tunes. No experience required... really! By the end of the event, you will have had a fabulous time and be able to take home a work of art painted by you.

picaso-wine.com, 775-453-1168

B BASEBALL, SOCCER & BASKETBALL

Greater Nevada Field - The \$60 million complex is home to the Reno Aces and the Reno 1868 FC. The Aces are a Triple A Baseball team affiliated with the Arizona Diamondbacks, and winners of the 2012 Triple A Baseball Championship. The Reno 1868 FC is a new United Soccer League team. Located along the Truckee River, Greater Nevada Field sparked the ongoing redevelopment of the Freight House District. The eye-catching architecture, spacious accommodations and signature features, including a children's play zone.

renoaces.com, for group tickets: **775-334-4700**

reno1868fc.com, for group tickets: **775-334-7001**

Reno Events Center - Located in downtown, this venue can hold up to 7,000 people comfortably, making it the place for lively entertainment including basketball games and headlining performances!

Ticketmaster: 800-745-3000

C CULINARY ACTIVITIES

Cooking Schools

Nothing To It! - At Nothing to It! the goal is to share their love of gourmet cooking with you. Their philosophy is to not just provide cooking classes and kitchen products, but to teach people how to use those techniques and tools to create wonderful meals to share with family and friends.

nothingtoit.com, 775-826-2628



Basque Cuisine

The Basque people are from the Pyrenees region of northern Spain and southern France, and the Sierra Nevada is home to the largest Basque population in the country. A number of restaurants in the area offer their unique cuisine.

JT Bar and Dining Room, Gardnerville - A restaurant steeped in tradition where hearty Basque meals and an authentic experience await you. Come join the Lekumberry family and the friendly J.T. family of staff, and you'll understand what it means when they say, "You are a stranger here but once!"

jtbasquenv.com, 775-782-2074

Louis' Basque Corner, Reno - Located east of downtown Reno, it's on the ground floor of the old Basque Hotel. In the Basque tradition, food is served family-style, with seating on benches at long tables. If there is room, another party may end up sharing your table and helping pass around the food. Since the late 1960s, locals and visitors have made Louis' one of the mainstays of the northern Nevada culinary mix.

louisbasquecorner.com, 775-323-7203

Culinary Tours

Reno Food Tours - This culinary experience takes you on a journey to unique locations throughout downtown Reno and the MidTown District. Sample six different food options from unique and locally-owned eateries while experiencing the city's history and culture.

renofoodwalks.com, 775-501-9293

Davidson's Tea - Davidson's has been in the tea business for more than 30 years and considers themselves to be the largest "organic only" tea company. With more than 15 product lines and more than 150 tea varieties, Davidson's provides customers with the largest offering of tea flavors and packaging sizes. Tours are available upon request.

davidsonstea.com, 800-882-5888

Kimmie Candy Company - Tour the local candy factory, Kimmie Candy, while visiting Reno. The chocolatiers create delicious chocolate candies, with samples available before and after the tours. Reservations are recommended.
kimmiecandy.com, **888-532-1325**

GAMING

From slot tournaments to table game tournaments and even bingo, most of the area's hotel casinos can help facilitate a way for your group to partake in a little "game of chance." Tournaments are very popular, fun and don't require much skill, which levels the playing field and makes them inviting to all players. Talk to the sales staff at your hotel to help set up a tournament just right for your group.

GARDENS

Raymond I. Smith Truckee River Walk - Located along the Truckee River at 10 Island Avenue in Reno, this three-block public plaza features native Nevada wildlife reliefs, eight fountains and dynamic landscaping.

renoriver.org

Reno Municipal Rose Garden - Established in 1958 and located in Idlewild Park, this is the only rose garden in the state of Nevada certified by the American Rose Society. The one-acre Rose Garden has 200 varieties and over 1,750 total roses. The season begins in early June and lasts until September. Peak months, when the garden is in full bloom, are late June through late August. The Rose Garden was established under the leadership of Fred Galloway, the City of Reno's horticulturist for more than 25 years.

reno.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-community-services/parks-trails/rose-garden,
775-334-2270

University of Nevada-Reno Arboretum - The Arboretum is located on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. Designated an Arboretum by the Nevada Legislature, it is a living collection of plants, trees, shrubs, flowers, ornamentals and native flora with more than 60 genera and 200 species. Special areas include the Cherry Blossom Garden, Benson Gardens, Main Quad, Albert E. Hilliard Foliage Quad, Jimmie's Garden, Fleischmann Agriculture Quad, Merriam A. Brown Rose Garden, Hettich Garden and Manzanita Lake. unr.edu/arboretum, **775-784-6837**

Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden - This garden is located in Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno. The 13-acre arboretum and botanical garden features oak groves, outdoor courtyards, water features, secluded gardens and access to five acres of wetlands. Its primary purpose is education and research and demonstrates how introduced plant species and native plants grow in a high desert environment.

washoecounty.us/parks/arboretum/arbor, **775-785-4153**

MUSEUMS

National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection) - This museum displays more than 220 antique, vintage and classic cars, many of which came from gaming magnate William F. Harrah's famous collection. The collection's stars include the 1907 Thomas Flyer, winner of the 1908 New York to Paris race. Other vehicles appear in rotation on the museum's "streets" and in four galleries.

automuseum.org, **775-333-9300**

The Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum - Originally a children's museum, The Discovery is now suitable for all ages as a place to get hands on learning and explore science, technology, art and engineering. Kids: those fearless little life-artists, those wide-eyed detectives of wonder, those incandescent improvisers who seize even the smallest objects and ideas and



transform them into epic expressions of wow. Embrace your inner young explorer. The Nevada Discovery Museum is a dynamic place for kids and adults alike to experience the amazements of our region while forging lasting friendships with nature, science, art and society. **nvdm.org, 775-786-1000**

Nevada Museum of Art - Divided into five focus areas, the permanent collection of the Nevada Museum of Art consists of more than 1,900 works of art organized around the general themes of land and environment. NMA is the only nationally-accredited museum in the state and features traveling exhibitions. **nevadaart.org, 775-329-3333**

Wilbur D. May Museum - The museum features the accumulated trinkets and treasures from more than 30 trips and safaris the eccentric son of a department store magnate made in the 1920s and 1930s. Since May rarely collected just one of anything, cases are crammed with T'ang Dynasty animals and African masks, hundreds of Oriental miniatures and dozens of pistols and rifles. Gobelin tapestries and Navajo rugs are among objects decorating the walls.

washoecounty.us/parks/mc_home, 775-785-5961

NATIVE AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Annual Tribal Events - Pow Wows are the Native American people's way of meeting together, to join in dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships and making new ones. This is a time-tested method to renew Native American culture and preserve the rich heritage of American Indians. Several festivals and Pow Wows are held in and around Reno Tahoe, with many other events located around the state, most of which are open to the public.

nevadaindianterritory.com

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum & Visitors Center - Located 30 miles north of Reno. Find fascinating historical material and information about native inhabitants, the Paiute



Indian Tribe. Exhibits at the multi-purpose museum describe the tribe's history and culture and offer insight into why the Paiute people hold the lake and its surrounding landscape "so sacred. Other displays focus on Pyramid Lake's natural history and the wildlife that makes the lake its home. Tours can be arranged. **pyramidlake.us, 775-574-1088**

Stewart Indian School Trail, Carson City - Stewart Indian School was a boarding school established to train and educate Indian children with the goal of assimilation. The school was operational between 1890 and 1980. Self-guided tours available and guided tours on request. **stewartindianschool.com, 775-687-8333**

RIVERWALK & MIDTOWN DISTRICTS

Riverwalk District Wine Walk - Every third Saturday of the month from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., the Riverwalk District hosts the popular Wine Walk along the Truckee River and neighboring streets in downtown Reno. Visit a participating merchant on Wine Walk day to get a map. For \$20 and valid photo ID, you'll receive a wine glass and an ID bracelet that allows you to sample wine at any of the many participating merchants. **renoriver.org, 775-826-WALK (9255)**

The Reno Beer Crawl - This extremely popular event takes place the fourth Saturday of every month. Attendees have an opportunity to sample domestic, nationally-recognized and locally-distributed craft beers across 15 different unique bars and restaurants, all within walking distance of the city's most iconic attractions in downtown Reno. This one-of-a-kind event is a collaboration between The Waterfall and neighboring independent businesses. The Reno Beer Crawl features some of the most unique, original and top artisanal beers in the country!

renoriver.org/reno-beer-crawl, 775-825-WALK (9255)

Art Walk - Restaurants, galleries and businesses in the downtown Reno Arts District are bustling every first Thursday because of Art Walk Reno. See the works of local and regional artists on display in venues within the Arts District, between Liberty Street and Second Street, and Virginia Street and Arlington Avenue.

artspotreno.com/art-walk-reno

SHOPPING

Shopping Centers

Cabela's - Cabela's stores are known as premier shopping and tourism destinations, drawing visitors from hundreds of miles to indulge in a unique shopping experience that celebrates nature and the lifestyle of the outdoor enthusiast. Extraordinary in design and showcasing thousands of products from its world-famous catalog and website, a customer's average stay at a Cabela's store has been estimated at a remarkable three and a half hours.

cabelas.com, 775-829-4100

Outlets at Sparks - The Outlets at Sparks offers outlet shopping, dining and entertainment in a large complex next to a 77-acre lake surrounded by walking paths, trees and sandy beaches. Home to Galaxy Luxury and IMAX theatres, and the world's largest all-sports store, SCHEELS. experiencelegends.com

The Summit, Reno - Located at the south end of Reno at the base of the Mount Rose Highway, The Summit is an open-air lifestyle shopping center with more than 70 shops, specialty retailers, salons and restaurants to satisfy any palate. Its many courtyards feature fountains, paths and fire pits to gather around on cool evenings, as well as seasonal events such as live music during the summer and sleigh rides on wintery days. thesummitreno.com

Meadowood Mall, Reno - Meadowood Mall is a longtime favorite and is centrally located in Reno. Shoppers will be delighted with more than 100 stores, specialty retailers, salons and restaurants to explore in a climate-controlled indoor environment. simon.com/mall/meadowood-mall

Antique Stores

The Reno Tahoe area has a wide variety of antique and collectible stores. Spend a few hours or an entire day exploring some of the great shops such as Virginia Street Antique Mall, Antiques and Treasures and Somewhere In Time in Reno. You never know what rare treasures of days gone by you'll discover.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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animalark.org, 775-970-3111

Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center, Reno - As a public science education facility specializing in atmospheric and space science and related fields, its goal is to increase interest, awareness and understanding of these disciplines by offering quality programs and experiences tailored to all ages and education levels.

planetarium.unr.nevada.edu, 775-784-4812



The Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum - The Museum aims to provoke new aspirations and collaborations among children, parents and educators. It is a place of open eyes, minds and horizons. Discovery provides hands-on exhibits and programs that focus on the arts, sciences and humanities. The Museum offers great entertainment for youth ages two to early teen and their families.
nvdm.org, **775-786-1000**

UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center, Incline Village, Lake Tahoe - Experience lively demonstrations of the Lake Tahoe Basin's environment and find out what you can do to "Keep Tahoe Blue." Discover how fun science can be with guided tours, group and student tours, hands-on activities and a monthly lecture series. The Center is recommended for children 8 and up.
terc.ucdavis.edu, **775-881-7560**

Ultimate Rush Thrill Park, Reno - Take the most thrilling aspects of hang-gliding, the most perilous moments of bungee jumping and the adrenaline inducement of sky diving; combine these elements with a fall from a 185-foot tower and you have the once-in-a-lifetime experience called the Ultimate Rush, the Grand Sierra Resort's family park. The park also offers miniature golf, a racing oval and road course for go-kart fun along with bumper cars and other family friendly fair.
grandsierraresort.com/activities/grand-adventure-land,
775-786-7005

Wild Island Family Adventure Park, Sparks - Named one of the top 10 water parks in the country by the Travel Channel, their water park, go-karts, mini-golf, bowling, and party venues offer something fun for everyone. During the summer months, Wild Island's water park has everything from slides for the daredevils to the kids' areas for tamer adventures. Take a dip in the wave pool or float the afternoon away on an inner tube. If miniature golf is your thing, Wild Island's links are some of the best in the region, with

holes that are both challenging and fun - grab the putter and enjoy a round! wildisland.com, **775-359-2927**

THEATRES & PERFORMING ARTS

Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts - The Pioneer is a 1,500-seat venue located in downtown Reno. This is the largest performing arts facility in northern Nevada. In 2004, the Pioneer Center was added to the Nevada State Register of Historic Places and in 2005 was added to the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to facilitating orchestral, ballet, opera and general interest programs, PCPA has hosted its own Broadway Comes to Reno series for the last 19 years.
pioneercenter.com, **775-686-6610**

Brüka Theatre - Brüka Theatre in downtown Reno continues the tradition of exceptional, cutting edge, live theatre and is honored to have once again been named "Best Theatre Company" by the Reno News and Review for the 17th year running. Brüka Theatre provides a stellar line up of shows offering contemporary award-winning plays, culture crossing melodrama, musicals and comedy that explore social questions about class, love, and existence.
bruka.org, **775-323-3221**

Casino Showrooms - Nowhere in the USA hosts more events year after year than Reno Tahoe. With dozens of casino showrooms, you'll find live performances offering everything from gold oldie revues and rock concerts to country shows and hilarious comedy. Check out a few of Reno's many theatres and showrooms for unique evening entertainment:

nuggetcasinoresort.com, whitneypeakhotel.com,
therowreno.com, harrahsreno.com, grandsierraresort.com,



WALKING TOURS OF OLD RENO

Several walking tours, including those listed below, are hosted by The Historic Reno Preservation Society. The Historical Society can also create new walking or guided bus tours (using the group bus) for special interest groups.

historicreno.org, 775-747-4478

Beyond the Arches – Witness downtown Reno as it has reinvented itself for 150 years. This tour links the downtown Reno arches with stories of the forces that shaped the town: railroad and mining, immigrants, as a notorious divorce and gambling mecca—and now as a livable cultural hub. Walk in the footsteps of Bill Harrah, Myron Lake, Baby Face Nelson, Frederic DeLongchamps and others. Meet at the National Automobile Museum parking lot area, 10 South Lake Street.

Literary Reno – Take a Tour of Writing from the “Underbelly.” There’s more to Reno’s literary history than “City of Trembling Leaves!” Reno continues to be a mythical magnet for ‘outsider’ writers and characters...the misfits, outcasts and seekers. Let your imagination roam as we travel downtown streets encountered by traditional writers like Will James, Robert Laxalt and Joanne Delongchamps, then walk the haunts of contemporary writers such as Bernie Schopen, Willy Vlautin and Susan Palwick. Meet in front of the Wild River Grill at the Riverside Hotel, 17 South Virginia Street.

Prohibition in Reno – Reno could be a wild place during Prohibition. This walk takes you back in time to the 1920s and 1930s to visit streets, alleys, and significant buildings, recalling Reno’s saloons and reformers (the WCTU and Anti-Saloon League). Meet at Amtrak’s Reno Station, 135 East Commercial Row. Sign-in is across the street from the historic section of the train station on Commercial Row.

Sparks Heritage Tour – Learn about the history of the rail city with a guided walking tour of Victorian Square and Downtown Sparks. This interactive tour is designed to show how this area has transformed itself from a railroad hub, to a vibrant commercial district, to a rundown urban area and finally to a successful redevelopment area that has changed the image and future of the city. The tour includes 17 buildings and sites that have played an important role in the history and development of Sparks and Nevada. This tour is in collaboration with the Sparks Heritage Museum.

sparksmuseum.com

Truckee River All the Time – This delightful summer walk along the Truckee River kicks off HRPS’ July Walks in Reno for Artown. See Reno’s relationship with the Truckee over time, learn of the great floods and of Reno’s architectural heritage, hear the Voice of the City, observe how the HRPS Walks relate to the Truckee and the history of Reno. Meet in front of the Wild River Grill at the Riverside Hotel, 17 South Virginia Street.

renoisartown.com



