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Battle Mountain is in the heart of one of the world's richest gold-producing areas, and is home to several active gold mines. While the modern mining industry is important, holding equal prominence in the hearts and minds of residents is the history that made us great - the Western Shoshone Native Americans, Basque shepherders and cattle ranchers have made their home in our area.

Once famous for its quality turquoise mines, the battle Mountain areas still offers plenty of opportunities for aspiring miners to discover a treasure trove of surprises.

Battle Mountain is the perfect access point to literally hundreds of miles of back-country roads and trails. The area offers unlimited outdoor recreation with year-round access to public lands. Visitors and residents alike enjoy fishing, hunting and 4-wheeling.

One of the highlights of the hunting season is the annual Chukar Tournament and feed. After a day in the field hunting these elusive birds, hunters gather at the Lander County Convention Center in Battle Mountain for a night of good food, conversation and plenty of prizes. It's a fun event for visitors and locals alike.

Other outdoor recreation in the area includes the Copper Basin Mountain Bike Trail, a tough bike trail groomed by the Bureau of Land Management, a nine-hole golf course, local swimming pool and parks, and an ATV and motocross track. The area sees many rodeos throughout the year, and the rodeo grounds are ready for action big and small.

The town of Battle Mountain is famous across America (and internationally, too) for the World Human Powered Speed Challenge, held each year on the flattest road in the United States - State Rt. 305 - which stretches from the outskirts of Battle Mountain



towards the small community of Austin. In late summer, the town shifts gears with old time country flair, as the Mountain Music Festival fills the air with bluegrass musicians from around the west, and the town holds a country fair and harvest festival.

Visitors to Battle Mountain will enjoy an area filled with Old West stories, wildlife, mountains, sagebrush, and more natural beauty than the eye can behold. Adventure-seekers can be spotted year-round on the back roads scouting hiking, mountain biking and just exploring the amazingly vast area.

For those who would like to make the area their home, Battle Mountain offers employment opportunities with higher income potential than most other small communities. Adding to that, the town can boast a state-of-the-art hospital, an assisted living facility, and a very nice senior citizens' center where you can spend the afternoon in a game of cards, crafts or a number of other programs provided.

Battle Mountain can also brag on the sunrises and sunsets - comparable to any place in the northern hemisphere.

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What are those letters on the mountain?

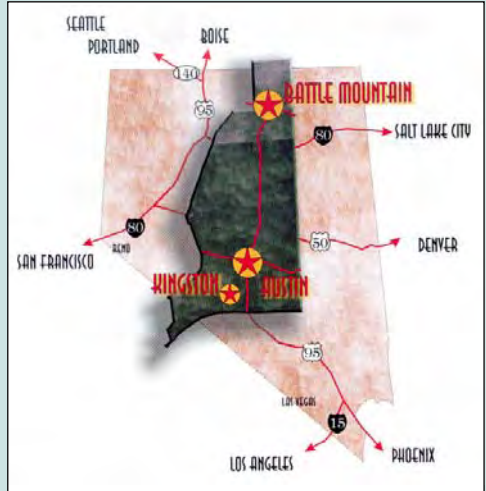


Longtime Battle Mountain resident Eleanor Lemaire recalled how the large BM came to be put on the mountain-side overlooking town. Lemaire passed away in 2003 at the age of 101, but leaves behind these memories:

“It’s a long happy story. It was 1926 and we were sitting on the steps at the high school. I suggested putting a letter on the hill. We asked Professor Saxe to help. (He was the carpentry teacher). We laid the two letters out using a chalk

line and the whole school turned out to pull brush and move rocks. We carried white-wash up and painted the B.M. The letters measure 100’ by 75’. Later we received a letter from the Aviation Department in Washington, D.C. thanking us for putting the letters there. It was halfway between Mountain Home and Tonopah and the best landmark around as it could be viewed from miles around and was very distinctive. The pilots flew by line of sight then.”

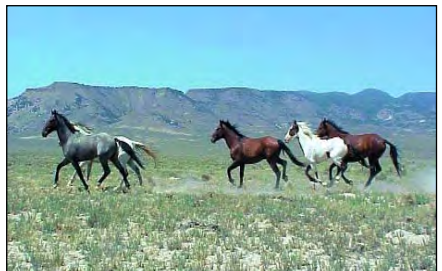
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Located in the heart of northern Nevada, midway between Winnemucca and Elko, Battle Mountain is the seat of Lander County and home to approximately 5,500 residents (always room for one more!). Deriving its economy from mining, ranching and tourism, it offers year-round access to vast public lands where you can hike, camp, hunt, and fish without ever seeing another soul!

Wide open spaces to run and roam

Battle Mountain is the county seat of Lander County, a huge area that encompasses 5,621 square miles. Over 85 percent of the county are public lands managed by federal agencies. Within the borders of Lander County, one can find wild animals such as deer and antelope, many types of upland game birds and a variety of small mammals. Wild horses, such as those shown at right, are a frequent sight within the area. No matter which way you travel out of Battle Mountain, there’s something to do, see and explore!



What battle? What mountain?

No easy answers... but lots of history!

Probably the most-asked question by visitors to this area is some variation of: “Where is the mountain Battle Mountain is named after?” A good question. A legitimate question. But a question with no easy answer.

Of the basic four questions of Who, What, When and Where, there is general agreement on only one – the when. Everyone seems to agree that whatever it was, it occurred in 1857.

As to the who, there are two separate and distinct stories, each with a different What and Where.

So, let’s start with what is known and generally not disputed, and go from there.

The name Battle Mountain first appeared in April, 1866, when the Battle Mountain Mining District was formed. The area was rich with silver and copper ore, and a booming mining camp sprung up around the mines. The Battle Mountain Mining District soon earned itself a railroad siding and, the name was recorded for posterity.

But how did the name Battle Mountain come to be? One story says that a man named Tannenhill stopped in at the office of the Reese River Reveille, the region’s main newspaper, to show off a rich copper ore specimen and to brag a bit about his discoveries. The editor of the Reveille asked Tannenhill how he came to call the new district the Battle Mountain Mining District. He replied that it was in honor of a battle he and 23 other emigrants had with the Indians nearly a decade earlier, in 1857.

During the 1850s, more than 200,000 emigrants bound for California and the gold rush area passed along the Emigrant Trail, many of them following the Humboldt River. By 1857 the trail was well-established and the Federal Government declared the Emigrant Trail a Federal Wagon Road, and appointed men to survey and oversee the road.

The newspapers of California followed events along the emigrant trail with great interest, and in 1857 many stories appeared that chronicled the events on the trail, and frequently listed the names of travelers recently off the trail, as well as their experiences.

It is clear from all these records that 1857 was a bloody one for travelers, at least in the area of what is now Battle Mountain. Rocky terrain and frequent Indian attacks – three in one month, according to reports – made the way difficult and deadly. These attacks were reported and read with interest in California newspapers. In fact, one man was stripped by the Indians and had to walk 10 miles until he could meet up with another wagon train and borrow clothing.

Unfortunately, there is no evidence that Tannenhill and his



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This old building was originally used as a station to load cattle onto rail cars in the Reese River Valley, south of Battle Mountain. The desert around Battle Mountain contains many relics from times past — including the ghost town of Galena, and several old mine sites.

party of 23 emigrants ever had a battle with Indians anywhere along the route.

Not one word of this heroic battle was published in the newspapers – the very newspapers who published the tale of one man naked in the wilderness. It’s possible that Tannenhill was telling the truth – it’s also possible he just made something up to satisfy the editor of the Reveille and make himself sound important. We just don’t know.

A second story as to the beginnings of Battle Mountain comes from an account of another Indian attack – one that truly happened, this time.

A man named John Kirk and a survey party were ambushed in the stony, steep bluffs just north of present day Battle Mountain. Kirk and his company were exploring the route along the base of the mountains when they spotted an Indian. They followed the man directly into an ambush of 55 to 60 armed and mounted Indians hidden in a gully.

A running retreat ensued, with Kirk and his men fighting back as best they could. They escaped with only wounds and the loss of one horse. Today, the gully where the Indians hid prior to the attack is called Battle Creek.

Could this well-documented event be the basis for the name Battle Mountain? Could the word “mountain” in the original name “Battle Mountain Mining District” refer not to the battle but to the mining district, which was a mountain range?

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Battle Mountain boasts a rich history



Museum nearing completion

What began life as a cook-house on the Old 25 Ranch, this building was moved from its rural home to Battle Mountains. Inside the old building, renovations are currently underway, and soon the building will serve as a museum for Battle Mountain. Collectors have amassed many artifacts from the area's earliest days, and they will soon be lovingly displayed inside.



Shoshone Indians retain heritage

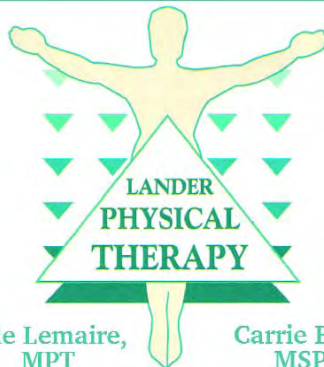
Western Shoshone aboriginal territory encompasses much of Nevada. Although, Shoshone people have been subjected to colonial forces for several centuries, Shoshone continue to survive and acknowledge their connection to the land. Shoshone have continued to hunt, fish, pray and gather materials from the Newe Sogobia (our people's name for the Earth Mother). We are taking steps in our communities to ensure our children learn the Creator's laws and give traditional prayers before any taking of raw materials or traditional foods from the Newe Sogobia. Indigenous peoples' heritage is connected to the earth from birth until death through ceremonies. As modern day basketweavers, we gather together on a regular basis to insure traditional knowledge and skills are shared and taught to sustain our relationship with the earth, our Mother.

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Mining made the area great

Silver beginnings

In 1862, William Lascott discovered silver in Pony Canyon, 93 miles south of present day Battle Mountain, and the rush was on! By the end of the year, Lander County had been formed and the town of Austin, just south of Battle Mountain, was on its way to becoming the third-largest city west of the Mississippi – if only for a year or two.

That discovery of silver encouraged prospectors to fan out from Austin in search of the next rich strike, and over the next decade or so, some 160 new mining districts were formed by Austin-based prospectors, reaching from California to Idaho. One of these new finds occurred some 80 miles north of Austin in a range of mountains that formed the western flank of the Reese River Valley, just south of the meandering Humboldt River. In what is now known as Philadelphia Canyon, rich copper ore was discovered in late 1865 and early 1866.

In April of 1866, the prospectors decided to form a new mining district to encompass the entire range of mountains all the way north to the Humboldt River. They named the new district the Battle Mountain Mining District.

The following year, silver was discovered at the northern edge of the new district. The timing of the discovery could not have been better!

One of the major drawbacks to any mining district in Nevada was transportation – how to get supplies to the new mines and the settlements that sprung up around them, and how to get the ore to market. Rich ore is of little real value if you can't afford to get it to the buyers. This problem was solved by the coming of the transcontinental railroad.

The Central Pacific railroad announced that their soon-to-be-constructed tracks would follow the Humboldt River, and would pass not four miles from the new mine. The mine owners immediately went to work to develop the mine – called the Little Giant (a common name for mines at the time, for that was the name of a commonly used blasting powder.) The men who worked there were a hardy and resourceful lot. Men and machinery were brought in by wagon. Soon there was a small settlement around the mine, called the Battle Mountain Mining Camp, and other mines were developed. A five-stamp mill, powered by steam, was brought in from the Black Rock Desert to crush the ore. Since wood was scarce in the area, a boiler burned sagebrush.

By 1868, business was booming, partially because the owners of the Little Giant mine had discovered more silver in a canyon four miles further south. The area boasted a hotel, and a stage line was providing regular service to and from the mines and distant cities.

Gold digging the modern way

When many people think of gold mining, they imagine dust-covered men wielding pick axes, chopping at crevices in the rock, searching for that elusive vein of gold. That was the past; today, gold is mined on a microscopic level, but on a grander scale than ever before.

Gold mining today is a combination of scientists, computers and the efforts of large earthmoving equipment to remove precious gold from the earth.

Mining begins with accurate mapping of potential areas with gold deposits. Next comes drilling for samples of the deep rock, which then helps geologists to determine the size and shape of the deposit. Next, engineers determine how to mine the gold from the earth, which may yield a large open pit, or mean the flattening of an entire mountaintop, depending on the location of the ore body.

The gold-rich rock is then sent for processing. In some cases, it is sent to huge leach pads, where chemical compounds make the gold particles release themselves from the rock. This material is then sent for further processing, which removes the gold from the liquid solution, and melts it into the coveted bars of gold.

Sometimes, material is so rich with gold that the gold companies forego leaching and send it directly to the mill for processing.

The largest gold mining company in Nevada is Newmont Mining Corporation, who has five mines near Battle Mountain currently in production — the Lone Tree Complex, Midas, Mule Canyon, Valmy and the Twin Creeks Complex. These open-pit mines yield millions of ounces of gold per year, much of which ends up in the hands of bankers, gold investors, and jewelers around the world.

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Another perspective growing up in Battle Mountain

In the Shadow of Mt. Lewis

By Brian Lenz

Had I, as a 12-year-old boy, been asked if I would like growing up in Battle Mountain or Reno more; I'm sure that the look on my face would have told the whole story.

Any kid in a small town would have given that perplexed look - probably the same look you would receive if you asked a kid if they would rather eat ice cream or broccoli.

A small town doesn't have much in the way of entertainment when you compare it to a city, even a small one like

Reno. I didn't grow up with any theme park. I never had a mall to shop in. The closest movie theater is 60 miles away.

Instead of having a water park with 10 different water slides, I had a pool no bigger than my front yard. The bowling alley we did have - closed two years ago. From a 12-year-old's perspective, Battle Mountain doesn't have a lot going for it.

But hindsight, not a child's opinion, is 20/20. I was blessed with far more than I was grateful for. It is likely that I still do not fully understand how much I was grant-

ed by my parent's decision to raise me in Battle Mountain - a town whose charm lies not in what there is to do, but rather who is there to do it with.

Battle Mountain High School educates about 350 kids every year. I will graduate with the same class of 70 kids that I went to kindergarten with. Had I lived in a bigger city, there is no way I could have named everyone in my graduating class... but I can. I've been able to grow up with them and get to know most of them pretty well.

I can recall being able to walk the block with five or six friends when we were just young boys. In a place like Reno or Las Vegas, no parent would allow their kids to walk their block at night. But there is no fear or paranoia here. Neighbors, as well as parents, watch out for children.

On Friday nights in autumn, there is no dance club to go to. Rather, the focal point of the town's attention is the high school football field. High school sports capture the town's interest and the townspeople come out by the hundreds to support the young men and women they've seen grow up.

In my experiences, I can recall coming off the field of competition - be it football or baseball - and seeing the same faces I saw as a child playing in Little League. After playing my final high


school baseball game, I counted no less than four of my previous little league coaches in the stands. I doubt in a larger city that any Little League coach would watch one of their former player's games, unless it was their son or something along those lines.

And though I'm more into organized sports, there is no denying that Battle Mountain is a place for outdoorsmen. The self-proclaimed "Chukar Capitol of the World" is home to more hunters and anglers than you can shake a stick at. There is also a growing population of race fans, and in the summer you can see crowds at the local race-track watching stock cars or maybe teenagers in a motocross race.

The surrounding hills and mountains are filled with bike trails and places to ride ATV vehicles. All these things are a short drive away, which you couldn't say had you lived in a larger town.

I shall leave for college this year, and shall also leave this town behind as well. But like pretty much all people who leave this town, I'll come back. Battle Mountain has a way of holding on to people and I'm no different.

No matter how much a person will say they wish they had grown up somewhere else, they know that they are better off for being part of Battle Mountain.



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Huntsman Cottage

1. Broad Street, Huntsman Cottage. This cottage was built in the 1900s by a man who worked for the railroad. This building was owned by one of the proprietors of the Capitol Hotel, a very prominent hotel in the area, which burned to the ground twice. Sold and used as a Bed and Breakfast for many years.

Hancock House

2. 643 North First Street, Hancock House. This house was built in 1870 and was owned by the son-in-law of Huntsman. The son-in-law was also a Capitol Hotel owner.

Hinman House

3. 685 North First Street, Hinman House. Built in 1918 by Mr. and Mrs. Dusang as a boarding house. The original house was added on to when purchased by the Williams family.

Marvel House

4. 745 North First Street, Marvel House. Built in 1918

for W.T. Jenkins, the grandfather of Assemblyman John Marvel.

Saval House

5. 775 North First Street, Saval House. Built for Elvira MacDonald in 1900. Owned over time by various W.T. Jenkins Company managers, who oversaw what is now the 140,000 acre 26 Ranch. Purchased by Joe Saval in 1924 and has remained in his family's ownership since.

Neely House

6. 831 North First Street, Neely House. Built in 1907 by Mr. Horton, who owned a coal yard behind the home and a hardware store where the Owl Club is today. The original home had only two rooms.

Lemaire Store

7. 6 West Front Street, Lemaire Store. Built in 1876 by John McWilliams, the building was purchased and upgraded by A.D. Lemaire in 1878. It was used as a general merchandise store.

Johnson House

8. 105 West Second Street, Johnson House. Built over 100 years ago with lumber from a "New Hilltop" building (square nails have been found in the house.) In the early years it was owned by State Senator Rene Lemaire, who used it quite often for political entertaining.

United Methodist Church

9. 152 West Second Street, United Methodist Church. Completed in 1893 by early settlers who did most of the work themselves. Stones were brought from the surrounding hills to lay the foundation. The land was originally given to the church by the Southern Pacific Railroad. The parsonage was added in late 1953.

Eleanor Lemaire House

10. 215 South Broad Street, Eleanor Lemaire House. This home was built in 1916 by Mr. Kottke, a local handyman, for Louis and Kate Lemaire.

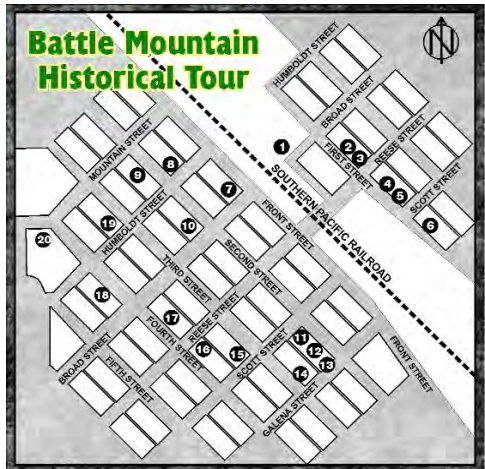
Water Tower House

11. 232 East Second Street, Water Tower House. Built



Johnson House

around 1910 by a contractor named Robert Taylor, whose son was one of Battle Mountain's postmasters. Originally owned by Mr. Treat, who moved to Battle Mountain from Chile to work on the railroad. Constructed to house guest overflow from the Neva-



Take a tour of Battle Mountain

da Hotel and therefore has two entrances. The water tower housed two wells that provided water for some of the surrounding homes.

Dorian House

12. 270 East Second Street. Dorian House. This home was built by the contractor Robert Taylor, at about the same time as the Water Tower House.

Ancho House

13. 292 East Second Street. Ancho House. This home was built in 1913, and is the mirror image of the house at 285 East Third Street.

Mirror, Mirror

14. 285 East Third Street. This historic home is the mir-

ror image of the Ancho House, located at 292 East Second Street.

Ripley House

15. 190 East Third Street. Ripley House. This building was constructed in 1906 and owned by Mr. Adams, a banker. It was used as the Episcopal Church parsonage for a time. It was purchased by the Ripley family in 1953.

St. John Bosco Catholic Church

16. 384 South Reese Street. St. John Bosco Catholic Church. This church was built in the late 1920s.

Grace Presbyterian Church

17. 45 East Fourth Street. Grace Presbyterian Church. Originally the Episcopal Church. The bell was donated by Mrs. Louise Marvel, the daughter of W.T. Jenkins.

Filippini House

18. 54 West Fourth Street. Filippini House. This home originally belonged to Bonner Cole, an original settler to the area. The house was moved in from "New Hilltop." Ownership remains in the family today.

Lander County Courthouse

19. 315 Humboldt Street. Court House. Built in 1913, this was originally the grammar



St. John Bosco Church

school. When the school was closed, the bell was donated to the High School, who still use it for pep rallies and ball games today.

Old Mortuary Building

20. Fourth and Mountain Streets. Old Mortuary Buildings. One building housed the horse-drawn carriage for funerals.

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Calendar of Community Events

January

Basque Club Winter Festival

This event features an evening of colorful Basque dancing, delicious food and fun for everyone!

February

Battle Mountain Arts Presenters Crab Feed

This is one of the most anticipated events of the year! Locals and visitors sit elbow-to-elbow to enjoy heaping piles of delicious crab. Later, there's an auction for all sorts of prizes, and then a dance.

March

Ducks Unlimited Dinner and Auction

The Ducks Unlimited group is very active in Battle Mountain, and holds one fundraiser each year to support their conservation efforts. This evening of fun features a great dinner, followed by silent and live auctions for firearms, sportsmen's equipment and lots of other goodies.

April

Battle Mountain High School Rodeo

Battle Mountain has a rich tradition of rodeo, and these young athletes are no exception. Come enjoy both timed and rough stock events by some of the areas finest young cowboys and cowgirls.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Who doesn't love an Easter Egg Hunt? The Battle Mountain Easter Egg hunt is a fun event for the whole family - and visitors are always welcome to join in the fun!

May

Cinco de Mayo Festival

Battle Mountain is home to many people of hispanic heritage, bringing their rich culture and traditions with them.

Arts Presenters bring out the crowds with crab!



BUGLE FILE PHOTOS


It's a little hard to get tasty seafood in the desert, so when the chance comes along, it's not to be missed! The Battle Mountain Arts Presenters host a crab feed February as a fundraiser — and the evening features music, raffle prizes, auctions and of course, all the tasty crab you can eat!



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National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet

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Stock Car Racing

The International Motor Contest Association (IMCA), organized in 1915, is the oldest active automobile racing sanctioning body in the United States. The Battle Mountain Raceway hosts IMCA races throughout the year.

June

Summer Craft Fair

Locals and visitors alike love to browse the craft fair! The Lander County Convention Center plays host to the event.

Ranch Hand Rodeo

Real working cowboys and cowgirls from area ranches come together to compete in events such as wild cow mugging, team branding and saddle bronc riding. This is a don't-miss event!

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Enthusiasts of the sport of radio-controlled flight come together for this event, held at the Battle Mountain Airport.

Stock Car Racing

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Basques celebrate their heritage and culture



Battle Mountain is home to a thriving community of descendants of Basque pioneers. The Nevada Basques celebrate their heritage with a festival each winter that features a hearty Basque meal as well as performances by the Oberenak Basque Dancers. The Oberenak dancers are a group of young people whose performing ability is becoming known throughout the

region. The Obere-nak Basque Club also invites the public to a picnic each summer that features traditional Basque games as well as dance performances.



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July

Community Fourth of July Celebration

The town of Battle Mountain cuts loose on July 4 for a hometown celebration! The day starts with a parade through town, followed by games, food vendors and fun at the park, and capped by a grand fireworks display as night falls. It's a great day in small town America!

Battle Mountain Music Festival

Bluegrass musicians from all around the west gather in Battle Mountain for the Mountain Music Festival. Enjoy the music, vendors and parties all around town.

August

Quilt Show

Quilters young and old will enjoy touring the quilt show, to be held at the Battle Mountain Civic Center. From elegant applique creations to traditional creations, there's something to appeal to every taste!

Annual Basque Picnic

The Basques were vitally important in the history of northern Nevada and Battle Mountain. Members of this exciting culture come together for dancing, food and fun - and there's always plenty for visitors!

Pony Express Open Road Race

Have you ever looked down that long, straight, empty highway and wished you could run flat out without getting a ticket? Racers in the Pony Express Open Road Race know all about it! Drivers cruise from Battle Mountain to Austin along the open roads - go as fast as they choose, legally! Adding to the weekend's fun is a craft fair in the park!

September

Lander County Fair

It's time to put up the pickles and harvest that big squash - and bring it to the fair! Take a trip back to yesteryear with a tour through the Lander County Fair, and see if you agree with the judge's choices!

Mountain Music Festival



BUGLE FILE PHOTO

Mountain Music Festival supporter Kay Sumin shows off her enthusiasm with decorations festooning her trees.

A weekend of Bluegrass and fun

The Battle MOUNTAIN MUSIC Festival is a newcomer in the world of Festivals. It promises to entertain bluegrass fans of any age with three days of food, fun & most importantly ... music. At least seven western states bands will take the stage and give crowds there best efforts. Cowboy poetry & campfire song kick off the weekend Friday evening each year followed by non-stop music throughout Saturday and Sunday. The event began as a fall event but was

moved to July due to nasty fall weather. Lion's park is filled to overflowing with vendors, bands & fans. There is food a plenty, music workshops, dancing performances and jam sessions along with Barbeques, hay rides and anything else the committee can dream up. Don't miss this outstanding western event in the heart of Cowboy Country Territory! For more information log on to www.battlemountain-arts.org or call the Convention & Tourism Authority at 775-635-1112.



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Stock Car Silver Cup

The Battle Mountain Raceway plays host to the Silver Cup Stock Car Race.

October

World Human Powered Speed Challenge

There is a magic spot along the highway between Battle Mountain and Austin. Years ago, human powered racers discovered it was the flattest piece of open road available - and brought the World Human Powered Speed Challenge to our area. Racers compete in futuristic bikes that travel at amazing speeds as they attempt to break records.

Harvest Festival

Pumpkins, ghosts and goblins gather at the Battle Mountain Civic Center for night of fun. Little ones enjoy carnival games of all kinds, while the older kids (and adults, too!) enjoy a night of community fun.

November

Chukar Tournament and Feed

Battle Mountain has gained a reputation in Nevada as the home of prime chukar hunting, and judging by the high attendance at the annual Chukar Tournament and Feed, it's well-deserved. Hunters young and old hit the field during the day to bag as many chukar as they can, then meet back at the Civic Center for an evening of great food and even better prizes.

Holiday Craft Fair

Who doesn't love handmade crafts? The Holiday Craft Fair at the Civic Center is your chance to stock up on homemade goodies of all kinds.

December

Community Christmas Celebration

The fun starts early in the evening with a Parade of Lights through downtown Battle Mountain, and culminates at the Civic Center with fun for the youngsters - a visit with Santa, crafts, vendors and fun!

Hunters flock to annual chukar tournament and feed



BUGLE FILE PHOTOS

Each year, Battle Mountain plays host to a unique event — a Chukar Tournament and Feed. Hunters sign up for the hunt, then compete to make their quota of five birds. A weigh-in follows, with the winner taking home the glory — and prizes. Afterwards, hunters and their families come together for a great dinner and a night of raffles, auctions and other prizes. The event is held each November.



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Special events put Battle Mountain on the map

Human Powered Vehicles race across the tabletop flats

Tabletop flat, straight as an arrow and running to the horizon, Nevada's roads are the promised land for cyclists who set speed records during the first week of October at the 2002 World Human Powered Speed Challenge outside of Battle Mountain.

A wide place in the road along State Route 305 seemed like an unlikely gathering place for world class athletes like Jan Van Eijden of Germany, the world champion cycling sprinter in 2000, and top five finisher in two events at the Olympics in Australia. Also competing was Ellen Van Vugt of Holland, who holds the women's world's record of 86.3 kilometers traveled in one hour on an oval track.



Photo courtesy Fred Hinners, NDOT

In an elegant blending of muscle and aerodynamic design, racers fly down the perfectly flat State Route 305 near Battle Mountain.

At stake was a prize marking one of the last frontiers of speed cycling: a \$23,800 award for the “decimach” one-tenth the speed of sound, calculated at 82 mph at Battle Mountain’s elevation of 4,505 feet.

To get an idea of the “streamliners” taking aim at the record, forget any reference to the bike in your garage. For the most part, these cycles are recumbents, with the vehicle’s pilot reclining and the pedals and gears way out in front. Riders (sometimes called “motors”) are wedged into fiberglass or other composite shells that are

only as wide as their shoulders. To keep the streamliner as aerodynamic and low as possible, a few designs eliminate windshields. Riders steer by looking at a TV monitor about the size of a recipe card. Handlebars are just that: wide enough for two hands, with compact controls for gears and brakes.

Riders are sealed into the aerodynamic wedges with tape. Fairings cover the rider and all but one or two inches of bike tire. Usually there is only one small opening for a breathing tube and a cigar-sized opening for the camera lens.

The speed trials are like nothing else. Cyclists warm up alongside the road on stationary bikes, priming themselves for a brief window of opportunity. There are only two half-hour periods before sunset—when winds are lightest—that the road is closed and the cyclists can go for the record.

Refinements, new designs and new approaches will certainly be part of the scene at the next human powered bike race. Battle Mountain will again be the host, and all indications are one of the last achievable records, the decimach, will fall.



Photo courtesy Fred Hinners, NDOT

Racers wedge themselves into tiny fiberglass vehicles. Inside, there is barely room for the rider, a camera and a small breathing tube.

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There's only one word for racing action in Battle Mountain, and that word is HOT! The Battle Mountain Raceway runs every other Saturday night. Race classes include Mini Stock, Street Stock, Pro Stock and IMCA Modified. The race action can be intense, especially when the ATVs hit the



At far left, the ATV racing action is fast and furious at the Battle Mountain Raceway. At near left, pro racer — and Battle Mountain native — Jimmy Nelson catches some air.

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Golf, swimming and parks for play

Battle Mountain has a groomed 9-hole golf course, the Mountain View Golf Course. It is located 1 mile south of town on Hwy. 305.

For those looking for other types of outdoor recreation, Battle Mountain has a swimming pool, open during the summer. The area also boasts four city parks, featuring playground equipment, barbecues and picnic tables.



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Whatever type of adventure you're looking for, the hills and trails around Battle Mountain are the perfect jumping-off point for your excursion. The Copper Basin area, just west and south of Battle Mountain, has groomed mountain bike trails that are divided into easy, more difficult and difficult rides, so you can choose the one most suitable.

Paragliding is very popular in the Battle Mountain area. The particular combination of hills and wind, as well as wide open skies, make for a memorable ride. The updrafts around cliff faces can be tricky, however, and flyers are encouraged to get professional instruction before they make their first leap.

Finally, don't forget that your two feet and some time can take you deep into terrain that changes from desert playa to mountain oasis in the space of a mile or two.

No matter what mode of transportation you rely on, there's no doubt that Lander County is made for outdoor adventure!



Rise above it all in the hills around Battle Mountain. The Copper Basin trails, at top, are ready for mountain bike adventure, while paragliding, above, is a great pastime for those who've had training in the sport.

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Local area rich in wildlife

To many people it may come as a surprise to learn that the area around Battle Mountain offers a wide variety of hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities.

Passers by, looking from Interstate 80 at the mountains surrounding Battle Mountain see barren hillsides and have a difficult time imagining healthy populations of wildlife existing there. But actually, a walk into the canyons proves the point. Many draws and canyons have perennial streams or springs, which support a variety of wildlife, both large and small.

Large Game

Battle Mountain is situated in Mule Deer Management Area 15, which has a high hunter success rate. The number of four-point or better bucks harvested comprises a good percentage of the total area harvest. Sometimes, the deer populations are so large that the deer venture into populated areas, as well as habituating the river area and their favored canyons.

Pronghorn antelope populations just north of Battle Mountain are increasing as well. The hunting season possibilities keep shooters and archers busy during the fall, but the antelope are also frequently the sport of photographers and wildlife watchers as well.

The California species of Bighorn Sheep have recently been reintroduced into historic habitat in the Sheep Creek Range of northern Lander County – the area around Battle Mountain. Currently, a limited number of California Bighorn Sheep tags area available each year.

Mountain lion populations in the Battle Mountain areas remain at healthy levels. The occasional enormous pawprint of a lion can be seen when walking in the hills, but these shy cats rarely come near civilization. The few people who are lucky enough to observe them get quite a thrill from the experience! A limited number of mountain lion tags are available each year, with hunters reporting good success in their efforts.

Birds.

The Battle Mountain area provides good hunting for chukar, sage grouse and rabbits within a short drive from town. Hunters pursuing chukar and sage grouse in Lander County enjoy some of the highest success rates in the state.

There are also limited opportunities for waterfowl hunting near the area. Most of this is confined to the Humboldt River,



PHOTO COURTESY NANCY WAGNER

There are plenty of deer in the hills around Battle Mountain, but that's not all the wildlife you could expect to see — count on spying plenty of small game and a variety of upland game birds if you take a hike into the area.

which flows past Battle Mountain.

Small Game.

There are many opportunities for small game hunting in the Battle Mountain area. Some species – such as black-tailed jackrabbits, coyote, skunk, weasel, and ground squirrel do not require a hunting license to harvest. Others, such as bobcat and gray fox, kit and red fox, beaver, muskrat, otter and mink have trapping tags available for both residents and non-residents. The hills and valleys around Battle Mountain harbor good populations of bobcat and coyotes, while other furbearing animals make their home nearer the Humboldt River.

Fishing

Several small streams near Battle Mountain offer limited fishing for brook trout and rainbow trout. All are within a 25-minute drive from downtown. The Willow Creek ponds are a local favorite.

Camp and hike in the area s hills and valleys

Lewis Canyon is a rich oasis

Among Northern Nevada's greatest assets are its beautiful, rugged mountain ranges. Explorers who have taken an interest in their beauty have often been treated to little secrets that lie hidden in those deep canyons.

From the town of Battle Mountain, most people would never suspect that within 25 minutes they could be walking under a canopy of trees and watching their footing on moss covered rocks.

In the spirit of a true desert oasis, Lewis Canyon lies hidden only 13 miles south of town. A small outcropping of trees marks the mouth of the canyon and a well-maintained gravel road lends testament to the canyon's importance to the locals.

Battle Mountain residents have been escaping to Lewis Canyon since before there was a Battle Mountain to be a resident of.

The current road is good enough to allow access to anyone although it is narrow enough that oncoming traffic is a concern. In the bottom half of the canyon there are picnic areas and trees to allow visitors to enjoy the stream that flows through the area.

The change in surroundings is guaranteed to take ten degrees off the ambient temperature of a hot summer day.

Unless you are in the mood and prepared for some four-



wheeling it is recommended that you not go past the third big outcropping of trees. If, however, you are an adventurer the road continues and there are a couple of places to end up while staying firmly on the beaten path.

While it's not exactly breaking new ground, the beaten path in most Lander County areas can be full of more than enough heart-stopping thrills to accommodate even the bravest of adventurers.

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Mill Creek area makes a great day trip with lots to do

Located just a few miles outside of Battle Mountain, Mill Creek Canyon contains an established campground, picnic areas complete with tables and

barbecues. There are restrooms and a nice parking area to round out the list of practical amenities.

Mill Creek Canyon has an interesting history. The site of the present BLM-monitored campground was originally a 1930's Civilian Conservation Corps workstation campground. Though the creek still runs, the locals can remember when there used to be a swimming hole.

The road up the canyon was built in the 1950's as a haul

road for the Greystone Barite Mine, which is still in operation further up the hill. Those who travel further up this road will find a few interesting sights along the way. There is a hiking trail that heads down the mountain and crosses the creek. Area Shoshone Indians used this trail, which may have an even more ancient origin.

A little further up the canyon there are the ruins of a homesteader's cabin and further yet you're greeted with an amazing sight: a stand of tall poplar trees and an orchard. This was the homestead of the Childress family, and it's known as Childress' Orchard. Shade trees are a rare sight in the desert, so many people use this area as a campground.



Experience a rodeo in Cowboy Country!

Rodeo is part of the Western heritage

If it's the heritage of the American Old West that tempts you, plan your visit to Battle Mountain to coincide with the annual rodeos hosted by the Battle Mountain High School Rodeo Club and Junior Rodeo Club.

Battle Mountain's young riders are regularly among the top finishers in state and national competitions, and they'll give you a good show that includes bull riding, bareback and saddle bronc riding, pole bending and barrel racing, as well as other events.

Throughout the summer the local rodeo arena is usually busy with team roping or barrel racing events. Battle Mountain is proud to have produced national and world champion cowboys.



Photo courtesy Marguerite Powrie

ProRodeo hall of famer hails from Battle Mountain

Rodeo bronc rider Joe Marvel's full-time career in **P R O R O D E O** spanned only a few years, but his superior skills at staying on bucking horses earned him a spot in the ProRodeo Hall of Fame in 1978.

The Battle Mountain native has been hailed as one of the most natural



COURTESY PHOTO
Joe Marvel rides "Bad River" during a rodeo in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1983.

talents in the rough stock event. He began his career in 1974, when he won the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo average title at age 19. At the age of 23, he became a world champion. He retired a few years later, preferring to live and work on a ranch in Battle Mountain. Today, he lives in Elko, where he is immersed in the cattle business with his wife, son Sam, and daughter, Mary Alice.

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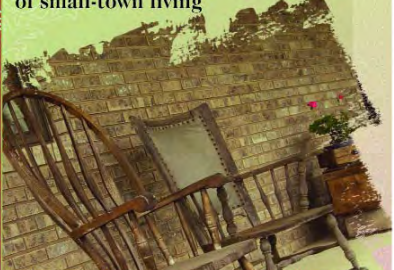
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