



FUN FACTS ABOUT NEVADA

Nevada has more mountain ranges than any other state. Its highest summit, Boundary Peak, ranks in at 13,146 feet, located near the west-central border of the state.

Nevada means "snowcapped" in Spanish.

Frank Sinatra once owned the Cal-Neva at Lake Tahoe's Crystal Bay.

Bugsy Siegel named his Las Vegas casino "The Flamingo" for the long legs of his showgirl sweetheart, Virginia Hill.

Hoover Dam offers guided tours and a museum of artifacts of the construction and its workers.

Las Vegas has more hotel rooms than any other place on earth.

Nevada is the seventh largest state in size.

Nevada is the only state to possess a complete skeleton of an ichthyosaurus, which is Nevada's state fossil.

Virgin Valley, located in northern Nevada, is the only place in North America where the Black Fire Opal is found in any significant quantity.

It's against the law in the city of Reno to put a bench in the middle of the street.

Nevada has the highest U.S. marriage rate per capita.

Nevada has over 200,000 slot machines, one for every 10 residents.

The nation's largest silver deposit, the Comstock Lode, was found in Nevada in 1859.

In Death Valley, the kangaroo rat can live its entire life without drinking a drop of liquid. They know how to extract water from the seeds and grass they eat.

Nevada's Humboldt River has no outlet to the ocean; the river sinks into the ground, feeding a massive underground aquifer.

Nevada is the largest gold-producing state in the U.S.

There are 159 different species of trees in Reno's parks.

The Great Basin, comprising most of Nevada's land area is the largest closed, no-outlet drainage area in North America.

At the peak of the Comstock Lode mining boom in 1880, Nevada's population was 62,266, with 41 of those "foreign-born." In 1900, Nevada's statewide population dropped to 42,335, with 24 noted as "foreign-born." (Citation US Census Data for Nevada)

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