



## 2024 SRM Annual Meeting Sparks, Nevada Tour Schedule and Information

### Saturday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>

- Ski on your own day

Get into Reno/Sparks early and jump on a shuttle or take one of many transport options up to a local ski resort.

Please check out this link and map with all your local skiing options.

[Ski and Snowboard Resorts - Go Tahoe North](#)

### Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>

- **Technical Tour 1: Markleeville Ecology tour - Beyond Just the Range**  
Sunday, January 28, 2024  
8:30am – 1:30pm  
Tickets: \$80

**Description:** This half-day tour will travel south along the eastern Sierras through Carson City, NV and to Markleeville, CA within the Carson Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The first stop of this tour will take us to Jacks Valley outside of Carson City where Tracy Shane (UNR), range management specialist and head of the Dronerangers, will discuss using drones for vegetation monitoring and provide a demonstration. The group will then head south to the town of Markleeville where the Tamarack fire burned over 68,000 acres of the surrounding area in 2021. Annabelle Monti (USFS) will speak about pre-fire fuel reduction treatments and current restoration efforts in the area. Lunch will be provided.

- **Social Tour 1: Virginia City and Ghost Tour**  
Sunday, January 28, 2024  
10:30am – 4pm  
Tickets: \$105

**Description:** Established in 1859, Virginia City became the richest mining town in the world. Today's Virginia City is remarkably the same as it was during its heyday with wooden sidewalks, restored mansions, "Old West" saloons, the Piper Opera House and mine tours. Guests will be transported from Reno to beautiful Virginia City, with a Convention Activities guide to narrate and point out interesting sights along the way. This rip-roarin town had a booming population and exciting reputation. It created millionaires and desperadoes, actors and authors, and beautiful Victorian mansions built by the mine-owner. Here guests will have the chance to visit the town's most haunted building and enjoy a tour inside. Then you can take a stroll on the wooden sidewalks to browse through the many original saloons, gambling halls, and antique shops or visit old Victorian mansions, museums and churches. They may want to meander down to

Grandma's Fudge for something to satisfy their sweet tooth before re-boarding the bus for the return trip to Reno.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Historic Virginia City**
- **Virginia Truckee Railroad**
- **Geiger Grade**
- **Mackay Mansion, Washoe Club, Pipers Opera House**

### **Monday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>**

- **Social Tour 2: Local Brew Tour**

Sunday, January 28, 2024

4pm – 7:30pm

Tickets: \$120

**Description:** Guests will be transported from the Nugget Casino to Black Rabbit Mead where they will be immersed into the world of Mead. They will have a chance to meet the owners and learn about their trade. Taste testing different steps of the brewing process and the final product. Then it is off to Lead Dog, one of the homebrewers of Reno. Guests will have a chance to pick out their favorite drink from the menu and enjoy each other's company while here. Finally a short walk over to Ferino Distillery allows guests to step into the world of Cinnamon. Ferino Tour offers a vast tasting of his own products made on site and allows guests to see the process as he unfolds his story of how this all came to be. Ending the tour with one his custom drinks this adventure never disappoints.

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Tours of two different types of Breweries
- Tastings
- Custom Cocktails

### **Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>**

- **Technical Tour 2: Frey Ranches: Rambling River Ranches**

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

8:30am – 1:30pm

Tickets: \$80

**Description:** Rambling River Ranches lie outside of Fallon, NV where the Frey family has been ranching for generations. Embracing new and innovative techniques, Joe Frey strives to elevate family farming and ranching practices with an emphasis on soil health and sustainability. For the first stop of this half-day tour, Joe will speak about regenerative agricultural practices, diversified range management, and the challenges of farming in the Great Basin. Next, the tour group will travel to the Frey Ranch Distillery in Fallon for a tour, optional whiskey tasting, and to learn about the family's 165 years of farming and distilling techniques. Lunch will be provided.

- **Social Tour 3: Donner, Truckee and North Lake Tahoe Tour**

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

9am – 4pm

Tickets: \$85

**Description:** Take a relaxing ride up to the edge of the Sierra Nevada stopping at the famous Donner Party Memorial where you have a chance to stretch your legs and learn of their adventure. Afterwards, take a short

ride to downtown Truckee, where guests will be on their own for an early lunch and some shopping in this quaint town. Convention Activities guide will have recommendations for lunch if needed. As we head toward Lake Tahoe, North America's largest alpine lake, your guide will narrate and point out interesting sights along the way. Your guest will be immersed into the Sierra Nevadas. There will be short stops along the shores of Lake Tahoe to enjoy taking pictures and looking at the scenery. Kings Beach and other key attractions will surely be a highlight. The tour ends as we wind up and over the pass and back to your Hotel. (Subject to weather and road conditions)

**Tour Highlights:**

- Donner Summit
- Donner Memorial
- Downtown Truckee
- North Lake Tahoe Photo Stops
- North Lake Overview
- Mt Rose Pass

**Wednesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>**

- **Technical Tour 3: Wild Horse and Burro Management**

Wednesday 31, 2024

8:30am – 1:30pm

Tickets: \$80

**Description:** This half-day tour provides the opportunity to learn about wild horse and burro (WHB) management in the Great Basin. Sherm Swanson, rangeland and riparian scientist and UNR Cooperative Extension educator, will discuss WHB management at an impacted riparian field site, the associated ecological implications, and interagency efforts across Nevada to address the issue. The second tour stop will be at the Palomino Valley Wild Horse and Burro Center, the largest BLM preparation and adoption facility in the country, where the group will learn about gatherings, off-range processing facilities and pastures, and preparation for adoption. Lunch will be provided.

- **Social Tour 4: Reno City Highlights**

Wednesday 31, 2024

3:30pm – 5:30pm

Tickets: \$95

**Description:** Some say Reno is where it all began. Quickie divorces, legalized gambling, access to untold wealth and riches. This tour takes a colorful drive around the Biggest Little City in the World Taking to see and admire these icons of our ever-changing society. Meander by the old ranches and see just how much the city of Reno has grown. Gander a look down on the city from Windy Hill, it's a breathtaking view so don't forget your camera. Then continue along the pathways of Reno admiring the various architectural styles from the bungalows to extravagant homes. History will come alive as a stop is made to see the Whispering Giant and the Sensory Gardens at Idle-wild Park. Taking in the sights as we travel along the Truckee River, we make our way back with a short stop at the University of Nevada to see and hear about its history. And don't forget a photo opportunity under Reno's world famous arch. This all-around tour gives you a sense of what Reno has to offer and the history behind it.

**Tour Highlights:**

- Windy Hill Overlook (View of the Reno valley and skyline)
- Reno Arch
- University of Nevada Reno (UNR)
- Sleeping Giant, Idle-wild Park