

## **NEVADA'S PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY COMMUNITY FACT SHEET FALLON**

**Location:** An hour by car from Reno and historic Virginia City on U.S. Highway 50-East

**Elevation:** 3,965

**Geography:** A land of lush green farms and ranches belying the surrounding desert. In addition to a rich western heritage, the Lahontan Valley Wetlands are located in and around Fallon and are widely recognized by the most significant wetland systems in the American West, a birder's paradise.

**Geology:** (Working on this)

**Temperature:** Averages: 18 degrees low in winter, highs 44 degrees – summer, 54 low with 92 high

**Climate:** Mild winters and warm summers. Average snowfall: 7.4 inches per year and 5.04 annual precipitation

**Population:** Churchill County, 26,981

**History:** Visit Fort Churchill, Lake Lahontan State Park. Look out into the dreaded "40-Mile Desert" from the Emigrant Trail and visit Soda Lakes where soda was produced for the entire country. Wander out to Pony Express Stations and see remnants of the Overland Stage and the Transcontinental Telegraph

**Meeting Facilities:** Fallon Convention Center: 6,500 sq. ft. of meeting space, and the Old Post Office: 1,500 sq. ft. of meeting space.

**Lodging:** Bonanza Casino, Super 8 Motel/ RV Park, Fallon Lodge, Fallon RV Park, Fallon Travelodge, Motel 6, Holiday Inn Express, Best Western/ Fallon Inn, Comfort Inn, Oxbow Motor Lodge, Overland Hotel, Value Inn and Econo Lodge.

**Transportation:** Taxi Service, C.A.R.T. (Churchill Area Rural Transit senior citizen transportation).

**Attractions:** Churchill County Museum, Lake Lahontan, Liberty Pond, Pony Express Station, HWY 50, Top Gun Raceway, Rattlesnake Raceway, Lattin Farms, Sand Mountain and Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge.

**Historical Landmarks:** Grimes Point petroglyphs, Overland Hotel on the Lincoln Highway, Ragtown, Overland Trail Stop (at Pioneer Park)

**Top Annual Events:** Fallon High School Rodeo, Tractors and Truffles, Spring Wings Bird Festival, Donnie Waters Invitational Roping Classic, Octane Fest, Silver State International Rodeo, Fallon Farmers Market, Heart O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival, Spring Wings, Fallon Fights—the Rural Rumble, Fallon Senior Pro Rodeo, World Cowboy Fast Draw Championship, The No Hill Century One Hundred(100 Mile Bike Ride), Christmas Tree Lighting, Fallon Chamber of Commerce Hometown Christmas, New Year's Eve Fire Works