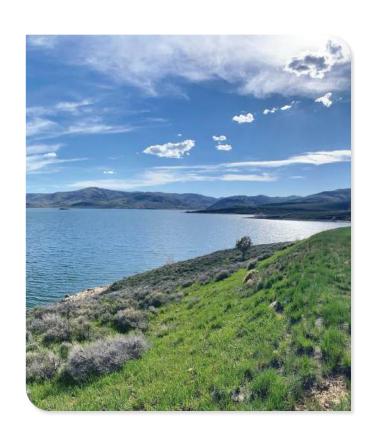
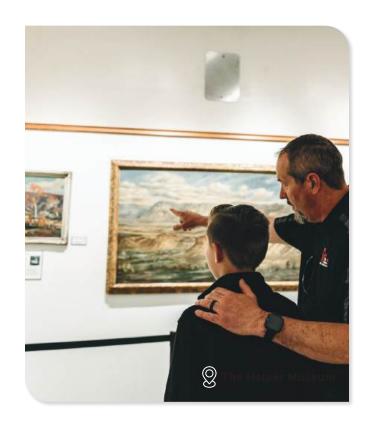


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Salt Lake City

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→ Historic Main Street
→ See Arts & Culture

Set up your home base in The Corridor and dive into adventures that are anything but ordinary.

Explore the World's Longest
Outdoor Gallery, wander through
historic coal mining ruins, or
tackle over 250 miles of thrilling
OHV trails. For a dose of culture,
stroll through local art galleries,
uncover the roots of our creative
community, and marvel at ancient
petroglyphs etched over 1,000
years ago.

Whatever you're looking for, the journey starts here.

#### PRICE

- → The Hub of the Corridor
- → See Utah's Prehistoric Roots



The Swell

Start here to explore the quieter, more unexpected adventures waiting for you in the heart of Utah's Carbon Corridor.





of five towns offering their own

unique charm and adventure.



## NINE-MILE

→ 47 Miles of Off-the-Grid and Out-of-this-World Beauty

#### WELLINGTON

- $\rightarrow$  The Corridor Small Town
- → Entrance to Nine Mile and the Great Outdoors



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- → Hidden Gem
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Moab



## Mine Mile Lanyon

**Nine Mile Canyon** (actually 46 miles long) showcases petroglyphs and pictographs created by Fremont, Ute, and Archaic people thousands of years ago. Large panels of the rock art are easily accessible from roadside stops for close-up viewing. At least 10,000 individual images have been identified at more than 1,000 petroglyph and pictograph sites, earning the canyon's nickname, "**The World's Longest Outdoor Art Gallery.**" Guided tours can be booked through the Carbon Events & Recreation Complex.

DOWNLOAD THE **FREE AUDIO-DRIVING TOUR**BEFORE YOU HIT THE ROAD.









EXPLORE THE UNTOUCHED BEAUTY
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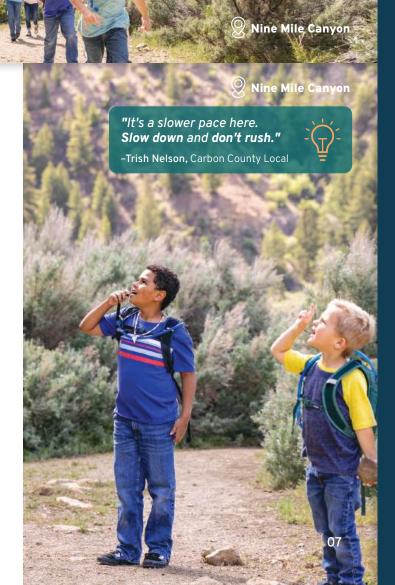
## OUR TIPS TO "LEAVE NO TRACE"

- Plan well and read up on local regulations.
- ☑ Camp and travel on durable surfaces and properly dispose of waste.
- **Take only photos**—leave what you find, whether it's a historical artifact, an interesting rock, or the bloom of a wildflower.
- ☑ **Respect wildlife**, view from a safe distance, and **be considerate** of other visitors.



#### **GETTING THERE**

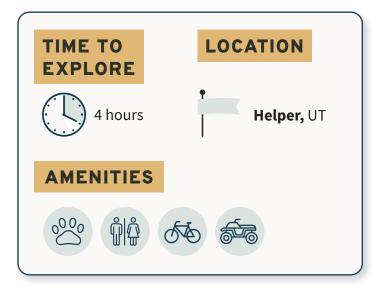
Beginning eight miles east of Price and accessible to cars, motorcycles, and bicycles, the paved road through the canyon provides a perfect half-day adventure of **hiking**, **wildlife viewing**, and **picnics** in a scenic history-filled natural environment.



## Gordon Greek Falls

A family- and pet-friendly hike, the trail to **Gordon Creek Falls** delivers a rewarding payoff. From a trail head just 13 miles west of Highway 6, the lightly trafficked 2.2-mile round-trip trail winds through woods of pinyon and juniper alongside the South Fork of Gordon Creek. There is an easy hop over the creek where it crosses the trail.

Adventurers are rewarded at the end of the mile-long journey with views of an impressive double cascade that drops more than 60 feet. Hikers who follow the trail another two miles reach upper Gordon Creek Falls and a **long-abandoned cabin** that served as the summer home of sheepherders in the early 1900s.





## Range Greek Ganyon

A remarkable experience, one limited to a handful of visitors every day, awaits at **Range Creek Canyon**. Tucked away in an isolated valley southeast of Price, Range Creek Canyon is a lost world. When the Fremont people departed the area some 800 years ago, they left behind a treasure trove of dwellings, granaries, pottery, arrowheads, and other evidence of their daily life.

#### **GETTING THERE**

Access is limited to up to 28 hikers or horseback riders daily, so grab a permit.

Permits are available online through the 
Natural History Museum of Utah 
and must be purchased beforehand.

Guided tours of the Canyon give visitors an up-close and storied look at this area's history. Tours can be booked through **Carbon Events & Recreation Complex**. For more information, call 435-636-3702.

Adventurers who take time to receive a permit discover a lush environment and evidence of long-departed people. Range Creek Canyon provides a wild, beautiful, and awe-inspiring glimpse at history.

## TIME TO EXPLORE



4 hours



Near **Sunnyside**,

LOCATION

#### **AMENITIES**

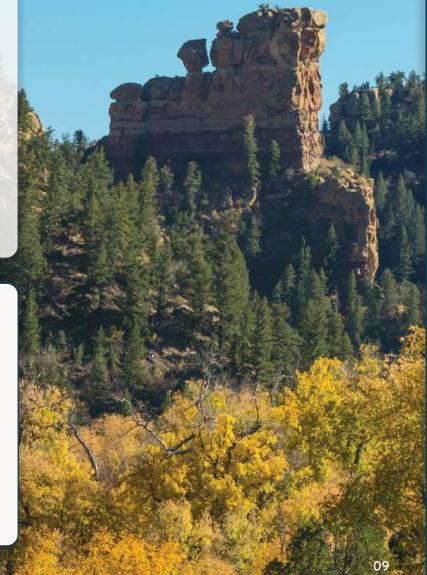












## Energy Loop Scenic Byway

Scenic Byway as it makes its way through Huntington and Eccles Canyons. The route loops for 86 miles across the Manti-La Sal National Forest west of Price, rising to spectacular vistas 10,000 feet above sea level. History is close at hand—whether it's the nearly complete skeleton of a mammoth that lived 9,500 years ago, abandoned mining towns, or traces of pioneering railroads.

Nature's bounty surrounds visitors who marvel at the gold of aspen groves in the fall, the flocks of migrating waterfowl at **Desert Lake**, and the changing panorama of wildflowers in the spring and summer.

## State Parks



From the thrills of snowmobiling at **Scofield State Park** to the simple pleasures of boating and fishing at **Huntington Lake**, State Parks provide a wide variety of experiences across Carbon County.

**Scofield State Park**, high in the Manti-La Sal Mountains, is a premier spot for camping, boating, fishing, and year-round outdoor recreation.

**Goblin Valley** is famed for its strange and colorful landscape of sandstone goblins.

**Millsite Reservoir**, a desert oasis, offers fishing, biking, off-highway trails, and a par 71 target-style golf course.

**Huntington State Park** becomes an outdoorsman's paradise in the summer, perfect for boating, camping, dark sky photography, and mountain biking.

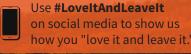


Scofield Reservoir

#### **LOVE IT & LEAVE IT**

Visitors who love Carbon County's treasures want future generations to enjoy them as well.

Respectful visitors are sure to go home with great memories.



## TIME TO EXPLORE



3 day



Eastern Utah

rgy Loop Scenic Byway

LOCATION

#### **AMENITIES**











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#### **SCENIC SPOTS**

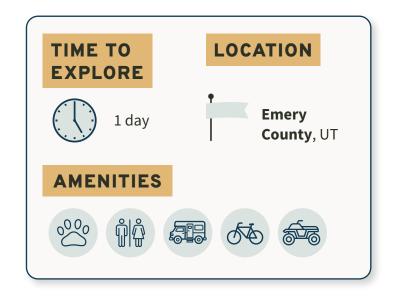
## San Rafael Swell

San Rafael Swell, one of the most beautiful and rugged landscapes in the world, opens the door to almost limitless recreational opportunities across its 2,000 square miles.

Biking, hiking, four-wheeling, horseback riding, canyoneering, and river running all draw adventure-seeking visitors. A 1.5-hour drive from the Corridor, hikers and mountain bikers find adventure in slot canyons and tracks that go through sandstone formations.

**Wedge Overlook** offers a breathtaking vista of the "Little Grand Canyon," while Buckhorn Wash with its dinosaur footprint and petroglyphs

provides a hike through history (as well as a famed swinging bridge). **Off-roaders** head for **Devil's Race Track** and **Fix-It Pass**, discovering sandstone arches carved through time.







## Price Lanyon Recreation Area



Accessible by car, Price Canyon Recreational Area has an **easy three-mile walk** through a stand of ancient bristlecone pine, which has two popular bouldering areas and a spectacular scenic overlook. Atop a ridge a **short drive from downtown Price**, the recreation area offers cool, shady spots for picnics and camping.

A self-guided **walk** along **Bristlecone Ridge Trail** brings visitors close to awe-inspiring
bristlecone pines, some of the oldest living things
on Earth. This area has breathtaking vistas
of forests of pine, oak, and mountain mahogany.



## In the Snow

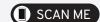
Wintertime's glow extends all around the Carbon Corridor. **Cross-country skiing** and **snowshoeing** open the backcountry to quiet exploration. The combination of a good hill and a snowy day provides hours of family fun.

Visitors can rent a variety of outdoor equipment—from **snowshoes** to **sleds** through the Carbon County Events & Recreation Center in Price.

The lakes that dot the region are perfect for ice skaters and anglers enjoying the challenge of ice fishing. **Fishermen** can try their hand and patience at **Gigliotti Pond** in Helper, **Carbon County Community Fishing Pond** in Price, or **Knight Ideal Pond** in Wellington.







Snowmobiles cut their way across the many designated trails in the area. The newest winter thrill? Giant snow kites that pull skiers quickly along the snow—and sometimes even into the air above!



GETTING OUTSIDE

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## On The Water

From mild to wild, the Carbon Corridor's waters overflow with fun. Paddleboarders head to the waters of **Huntington Reservoir**. Swimmers can cool down at the year-round **Desert Wave Pool** in Price. The **Helper City Pool** is a great spot to take in the Utah summer heat in classic American fashion—poolside with umbrellas and ice cream cones.

Walkers along the **Price River** dip their toes in the cool stream and watch fun-seekers float past. Anglers in search of trout and largemouth bass toss a line in one of the region's more than 50 lakes, rivers, and ponds, and boaters can spend a day at **Huntington** and Millsite Reservoirs. Not to mention the cool mountain waters of **Scofield Reservoir**. recognized as a top fishing and boating destination. Visitors can enjoy the serene lake from the shore through activities like camping, biking, or hiking.



## In The Dirt

Hikers, mountain bikers, and off-highway enthusiasts never need to travel the same trail twice as they explore hundreds of miles throughout the Carbon Corridor.



Hikers enjoy trails that range from easy nature walks in shady pine forests to challenging treks through box canyons and beautiful badlands.

Mountain bikers find peaceful rides and thrills through a desert landscape in Price on the trails within the Woodhill Trail System. The Corridor is a standout destination for off-highway adventures, boasting over 250 miles of OHV trails. These trails offer everything from rock crawling and peak views to waterfalls, Indian rock art, and even routes to historic coal mines. Further in the Manti-La Sal National Forest, you can drive 58 miles of the scenic—and rugged—South Skyline Drive. New adventures await around every curve!

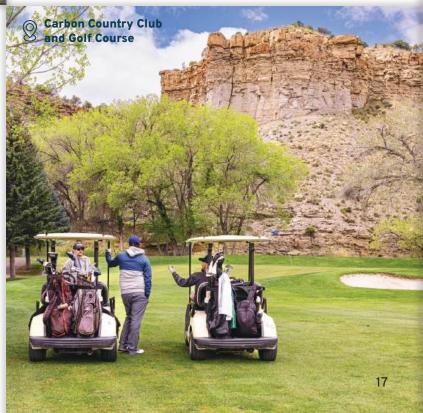
For those who enjoy a day at the shooting range, gunmen of all skill levels will enjoy year-round options at **North Springs Shooting Range**. And for those seeking something unique, you can embark on a geocaching tour across the Corridor through geocahing.com.

## On The Green

The Carbon Country Club and Golf Course is an 18-hole course located midway between Price and Helper.
There, you will discover the alluring beauty of the Utah frontier sculpted into a one-of-a-kind golf experience.

Two other golf courses, **Millsite** and **Green River**, are located one hour from Price.

An 18-hole disk golf course is also located in Price, winding through the local university and neighboring parks.





## Art in the Corridor

There's a growing buzz about **Helper**, blossoming into one of Utah's most hip art scenes. Its artists, galleries, and well-preserved architectural heritage generate a special creative magic. But the Carbon Corridor has long inspired artists.



Even long ago, ancient artists turned to the rock walls of **Nine Mile Canyon** to create at least 10,000 petroglyphs and pictographs. They still intrigue archeologists and inspire today's artists, who keep alive the creative vision of a thousand years.





Price is home to the longest outdoor mural in Utah. The Bookcliff Mural spans over an entire block and highlights the past, present, and future of Carbon County. The famed Price Mural, painted by muralist Lynn Fausett on 800 square feet of wall inside the Price Municipal Building over four years, depicts the city's history with 82 principal figures. Public sculptures highlight Price's downtown district.

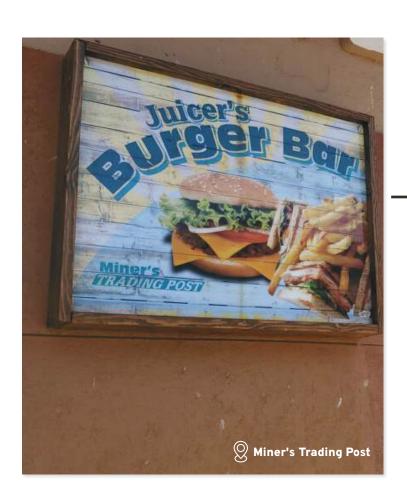
ARTS & FOODIES

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## Local Eats

Fond memories of wonderful meals are treasured by visitors who search out special local spots throughout the Carbon Corridor. While the region provides a solid variety of national quick-serve chains for visitors on the go, the Carbon Corridor is developing a strong reputation for **great small-town dining**. From classic American diners to family-owned cafes that specialize in ethnic cuisine, restaurants in the Carbon Corridor offer delicious, memorable, and unique experiences.

**Looking for places the locals love?** Try these for starters, but don't be afraid to plan your trip around our dining index, where you'll find more foodie favorites in the Carbon Corridor.





#### **BREAKFAST**

**Outlaw Café** in Wellington draws a crowd throughout the day, but it's known for the scones it serves at breakfast. In Price, **Bakesters** brags that it offers the world's best-baked goods, and who would argue?

Big breakfast appetites are satisfied at **Farlaino's Café** in Price, while the coffee shop **Happiness Within** in Helper pours excellent coffee with curated flavor combinations.

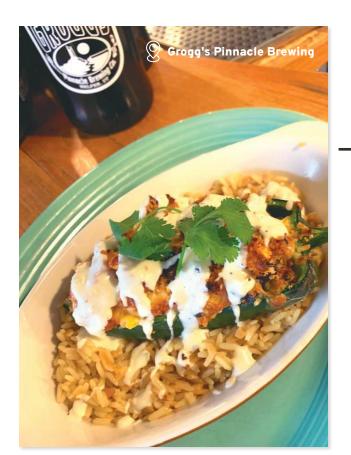
#### LUNCH

Tangerine's Eatery in Price serves sandwiches and wraps, as well as frozen yogurt for an afternoon sweet treat. Juicer's Burger Bar serves up quality hamburgers from its spot in the town's company store in Sunnyside.

Los Jilberto's in Wellington is known for its huge burritos, and Los Dos Amigos in Price pays special attention to creating authentic Mexican cuisine. For a 50s-inspired drive-up diner, Sherald's Frosty Freeze is locally famous for having the best burger in town.

#### **DINNER**

Juniper Pizza Cafe, located right off the highway in Price, is known for their from-scratch pizzas in a cabin-style setting. On the west side of Price, Uptown Steakhouse delivers a stone-cooked sizzle that draws rave reviews. Balance Rock Eatery & Pub in Helper offers traditional and creative specialties—loaded rock chips, anyone? And a hot spot for Asian dishes is Apple Chicken Café, serving up Taiwanese cuisine in East Carbon.











#### **DRINKS**

Helper Beer in downtown Helper offers local brews as part of a changing beer menu. Nearby, the beer menu of Grogg's Pinnacle Brewing supports an extensive menu of appetizers and pub foods.

Looking for a different vibe? Tony's Bar & Grill in Price, located inside the SureStay by Best Western, is the hot spot for line dancing, karaoke, and pool.



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# Planting Jour Try



## Annual Events

Small-town celebrations, sophisticated art shows and films, and exciting rodeo action are among the many annual events that provide almost non-stop opportunities for visitors. A springtime **Renaissance Fair** in Price brings long-ago times back to life. **International Days** in Price in mid-summer has everything from dancing, folk music, parades, pickleball tournaments, and a car show.

The Helper Art, Music, and Film Festival in August is a summer staple to Central Utah, and cherished family memories are made during Utah's Christmas Town Festival in December. The Carbon Corridor has an abundance of special celebrations throughout the year that provide irresistible reasons to visit and plan your trip around.



#### SPRING

- → Green River Rock & Mineral Festival
- → St. Patrick's Day Parade
- → Renaissance Fair
- → Drunkards Wash Desert Race

#### SUMMER

- → Music in The Corridor
- → Desert Thunder Races
- → CCSAR Demolition Derby
- → Price Farmers Market
- → East Carbon Community Daze & Rodeo
- → Greek Festival
- → Wellington Pioneer Days
- → Price City International Days
- → Helper Art, Music & Film Festival
- → Helper Saturday Vibes
- → Carbon County Fair & Rodeo
- → Carbon Shortcuts Film Festival

#### FALI

- → Castle Country Clash
- → Joe's Valley Bouldering Festival
- → Green River Melon Days
- → Oktoberfest
- → School of Screams

#### WINTER

- → Thanksgiving Turkey Trot
- → Helper Utah's Christmas Town Festival
- → Carbon Community Christmas Concert
- → Christmas Tree Regalia
- → Christmas à la Vivaldi

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE THE FULL EVENT CALENDAR.







**PLANNING YOUR TRIP** 

### Stineraries

## Itineraries

#### **HISTORY BUFFS**

Immerse yourself in history with a visit to **The Helper Museum**, where you'll learn how mining and the railroads built the Carbon Corridor.

Plan an afternoon at the **Utah State University Eastern Prehistoric Museum**in Price, where you will find dinosaur bones and other amazing archaeological finds.
A bonus: The Prehistoric Museum Discovery Area has hands-on activities for children of all ages. They can dig their own specimens and make scientific discoveries about dinosaurs by studying bone replicas.

Plan a full day with a drive exploring the 46 miles of **Nine Mile Canyon**, home to nearly 1,000 petroglyphs.

#### **THRILL SEEKERS**

Start with a wild ride on more than 30 miles of mountain biking trails for all skill levels in the **Wood Hill Trail System**.

Then head for an afternoon at the bouldering areas at **Price Canyon Recreation Area** for a challenging workout. Those looking to adventure into the backcountry can take their OHV on a ride up Utah's Book Cliffs to Bruin Point. Explore more OHV trails at carboncorridor.com.

For winter adventures, a day of backcountry skiing at **Scofield State Park** or sledding never disappoints.



#### **ZEN GETAWAY**

Greet the morning with a stroll through ancient bristlecone pines at **Price Canyon Recreation Area** followed by lunch in downtown Price or Helper.

Dip your toes in the water during an afternoon stroll or bike ride along **Helper's River Walkway** and finish the day with dinner in downtown Price or Helper.

Awaken peacefully the next mountain morning and savor a hike to the breathtaking **Gordon Creek Falls**, where you can disconnect and recharge alongside rushing falls.

#### **FAMILY FUN**

Create memories with a family-friendly visit to dinosaur bones at **Utah State University Eastern Prehistoric Museum**. Your kids will love the hands-on fun in the Discovery Area.

Spend the afternoon at the year-round **Desert Wave Pool**, with its big waves and challenging indoor aqua climbing wall.

Visit one of the many family-friendly restaurants, whether locally owned or part of a national chain, to fuel up for a day of outdoor adventure, including geocaching. Cool prizes await at several of the hidden caches.

Venture to the **Jurassic National Monument**, a 45-minute drive from Price, to experience the densest concentration of Jurassic-aged dinosaur bones ever found!

#### **PLANNING YOUR TRIP**

## Local Gems

#### **NIGHT SKY**

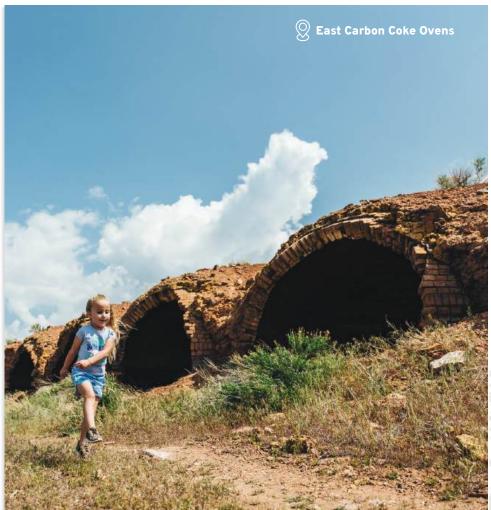
Lose yourself in deep space by stargazing the night skies in **Helper**, one of fewer than 30 dedicated Dark Sky Communities worldwide.



Explore the brick chambers that once transformed coal into high-grade coke used to produce iron and steel at the **East Carbon Coke Ovens**. Photographers, families, and history buffs alike are fascinated by these unique pieces of a once-booming mining industry.

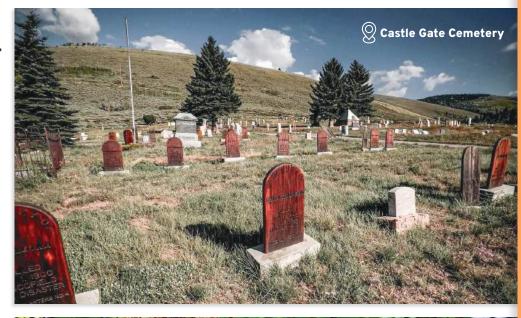






## HISTORIC CEMETERIES

Touch history at **Scofield Cemetery** or **Castle Gate Cemetery** near Helper, the resting places of hundreds of workers who died in mining disasters in the early 1900s.



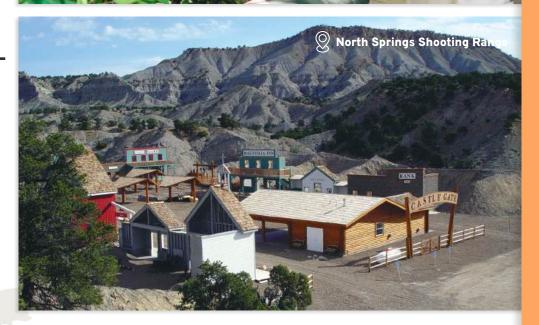
#### **GEOCACHING**

Rise to the challenge of a high-tech scavenger hunt as you search for nearly 35 caches along the **SPX GeoTour**, one of only 70 official GeoTours in the world! Pick up a GeoTour passport at the Carbon County Visitor Center to get started.



Sharpen shooting and archery skills at **North Springs Shooting Range**, highlighted by its 15-building Old West town.





## 72 Hours in the Corridor

**A 72-hour visit to the Carbon Corridor will fly by.** If you can't stay longer, here's how to make every minute count:

#### HAVE ALL DAY?

Visit the petroglyphs in **Nine Mile Canyon**. It is a two-hour drive through the 46-mile canyon, but you should plan on a full day of exploring to fully appreciate the canyon. It is a beautiful drive, so make sure to bring snacks and drinks on your trek!



Enhance your visit by downloading the TravelStorysGPS app from CarbonCorridor.com!



#### **ONLY HAVE A FEW HOURS?**

Spend a couple of hours with the dinosaur bones and archaeological treasures at the **Utah State University Eastern Prehistoric Museum**. Youngsters will particularly enjoy hands-on fun in the museum's Discovery Area.

Still have time and energy? Squeeze in another hike, mountain biking, or some off-roading.

Get tips and current information at the Carbon County
Visitors Center inside the Utah
State University Eastern Prehistoric
Museum at 155 E. Main St. in Price.

It is open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm seven days a week.

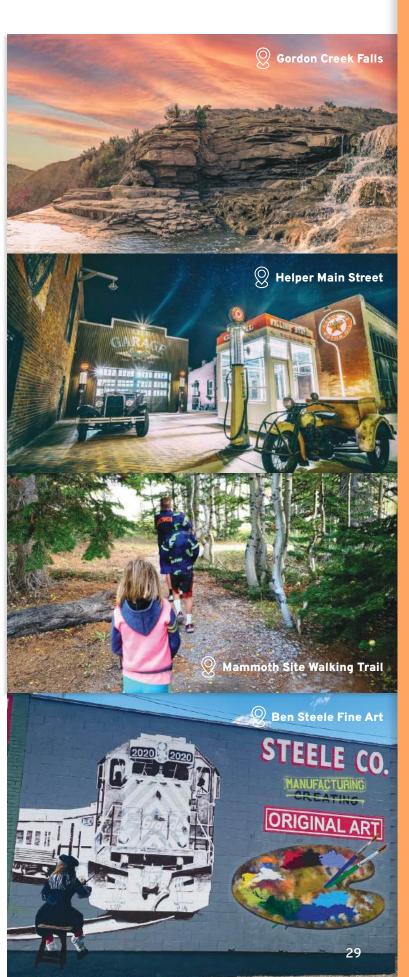
#### **HALF-DAY IDEAS**

Take an hour-long, two-mile hike to **Gordon Creek Waterfall.**The trailhead is a 30-minute drive from either Price or Helper.

Plan at least half a day on Helper's historic Main Street visiting art galleries, antique shops, and boutiques. Enjoy a relaxing lunch before spending an hour along the Helper Walkway with its swinging bridge. Check if evening entertainment is scheduled at the historic Rio Theatre.

Visit the Helper Museum or Bryner Museum to learn about the history that has shaped Central Utah. Enjoy a leisurely four-hour drive along the Energy Loop Scenic Byway.

Strolling the streets of Price and Helper, you'll come across striking outdoor murals that add color and character to the towns—including Utah's longest outdoor mural, the Bookcliff Mural. Be sure to visit the Miners Memorial at the Price Peace Gardens, a powerful tribute to the area's rich mining history.



## Trip Planning Resources

#### **VISITOR CENTER**

Your first stop in The Corridor. Tap into knowledgeable expertise at the Carbon County Visitor Center conveniently located inside the USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum at 155 E. Main Street in Price. **Open seven days a week**, the center's brochures, information, and inside tips from local residents set the stage for a memorable visit.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

At the heart of Utah, Carbon County is an easily accessible central location to explore the region's wonders. By highway, Carbon County is two hours from Salt Lake City or Grand Junction and just 2.5 hours from Moab. Amtrak's spectacular California Zephyr service stops in Helper. For travelers by air, Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC) is served by 14 airlines that provide nonstop service to many U.S. and international destinations. Travelers can fly into Provo Airport (PVU) for a shorter drive into the Corridor. Private airplanes can fly into Carbon County Regional Airport (PUC).



#### **TOURS & RENTALS**

Outdoor adventures—even those that begin on an impulse—start at the **Carbon Events & Recreation Complex**. It rents a wide variety of outdoor gear for winter and summer excursions—everything from skis and snowshoes to canoes and backpacking gear. Knowledgeable locals at the complex also can schedule tours to beloved destinations like **Range Creek** and **Nine Mile Canyon**.

Enjoy the complex's fishing pond or one of their many sporting events in the summer. If you're heading to The Corridor in the winter, grab a pair of rental skates and glide at the nearby ice skating rink.

Backcountry and recreation maps, many of them geo-referenced for use on mobile devices, are available through the Bureau of Land Management's website.

#### **DINING INDEX**

The variety of dining options in Carbon County serves almost any appetite at almost any hour.

FOR UP-TO-DATE
DETAILS ON HOURS,
LOCATIONS, AND
MENUS, SEE THE
DINING INDEX.





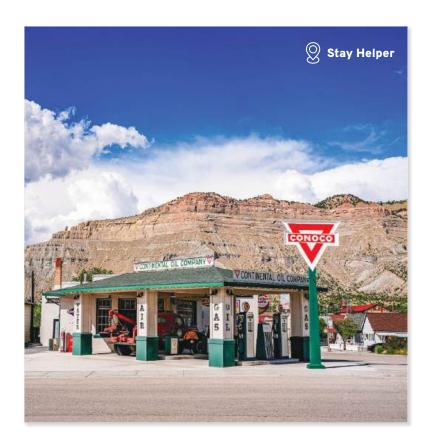
#### LODGING IN THE CORRIDOR

Lodging experiences ranging from affordable motels to hotels provide a comfortable stay for visitors.

RV travelers find a variety of well-maintained parks. Life-long memories, meanwhile, are created at remote mountain cabins or uniquely restored boutique lodgings.

#### Close to It All

Greenwell Inn and Convention Center in Price offers a stay in the heart of town, with luxury suites, an indoor pool, and private meeting rooms. Stay Helper, a collection of unique properties in Helper, offers charming rooms in buildings that include a restored service station and a century-old hotel. Holiday Inn & Express in Price, meanwhile, wins consistently high ratings from guests, who love their staff and continental breakfast offerings.



SEE ALL YOUR
LODGING OPTIONS







#### **Lodges and Cabins**

Nine Mile Ranch above Wellington allows visitors to experience pioneer life in historic settler cabins, painstakingly relocated from Nine Mile Canyon. For those hoping to stay in the canyon, this is your spot. It is the only authorized facility for campers. Tavaputs Ranch on a remote plateau southeast of Sunnyside welcomes guests from around the world to its lodge and cabins, where they savor life on a working ranch with the splendor of Desolation Canyon as its backdrop.

Aspen Ray Lodge west of Price provides lodging for large groups—up to 32—and hosts a busy schedule of weddings and other events.



#### Camping

Nine Mile RV Resort in Wellington is a premium park with complete services, including laundry, a swimming pool, and a general store. In Helper, Castle Gate RV offers rental cabins and spacious RV spaces. There's even a splash pad for the young at heart. For a simpler experience, Hiawatha Hideout offers four rustic campsites on a working cattle and sheep ranch near Price.