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Located just off Interstate 80 on the Nevada side of the Utah/Nevada border, 90 minutes west of Salt Lake City, West Wendover sits like a jewel of promise in the high desert that surrounds it. Here in this desert oasis visitors enjoy a "grown-up" city that has intentionally maintained its small-town charm – a community that offers business and employment opportunities, an excellent quality of life, education, recreation – all the advantages civilization brings without the disadvantages of crowded urban living. In our desert oasis you will enjoy great facilities, food, outdoor recreation and of course, the best in...
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The Wendover Nugget Hotel and Casino also features Wendover's only covered parking and climate controlled atrium. The friendly staff is anxious to serve you. See you soon!



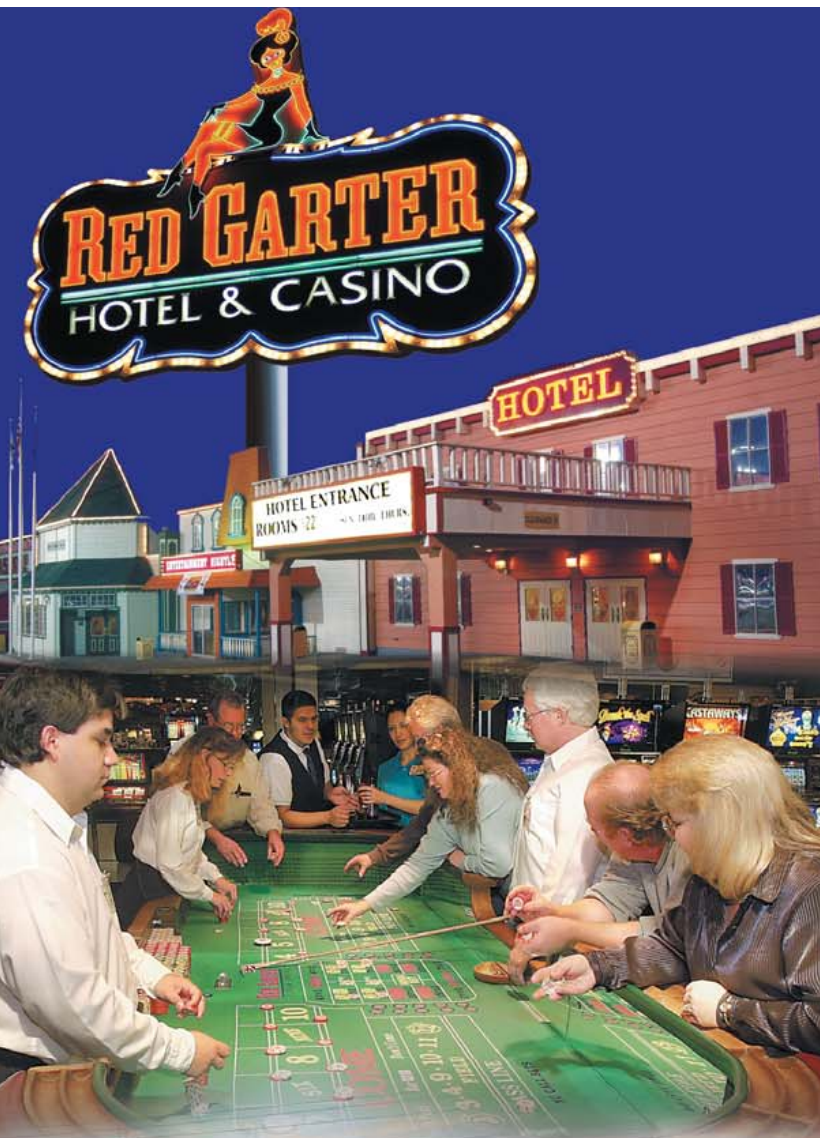
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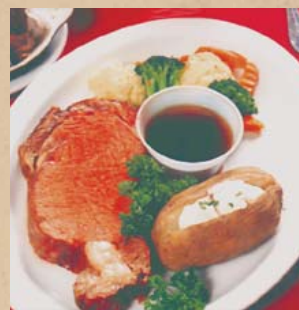
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WEST WENDOVER ON THE EDGE

Recreation Guide

TRANSPORTATION

Are we there yet? . . . Make the ride here a vacation — take a luxury coach for a relaxing trip with friends, take an easy flight into our convenient airport or enjoy the traffic-free 90-minute ride from Salt Lake City on I-80. Once you are here, casino transit, limousine and taxi services are standing by.

AVIATION

- MAX-Millionaire Express866-359-9363
- Wendover Airport435-665-2308

BUS SERVICE

- Greyhound800-231-2222
- Lewis Tours800-831-0749 or 801-280-3662
- Le Bus800-366-0288 or 801-975-0202
- Utah Trailways . . .800-876-5825 or 801-466-5001

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- Limo Connections801-831-0002
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- Hertz Rental775-664-4887
(Located at Montego Bay front desk)

Many of the areas described herein are located in a high desert environment with seasonal temperature and climate extremes. Careful consideration should be given in regards to traveling in off-road capable vehicles. A few safety tips to keep in mind are: Carry plenty of water, plan your trip/excursion carefully, dress appropriately for the season, the region and the activity you are planning, be mindful of thunderstorms and the potential for flash floods. Remember you are in an open nature environment where you will be in the presence of various wildlife habitats for animals, birds and reptiles. Protect your life at all costs by treating the wildlife and their environment with respect and appreciation.

Put trash where it belongs and keep our desert environment clean and pristine. What you take in with you please bring back, and deposit in a community garbage dumpster. Thank you!

HISTORIC WENDOVER AIRFIELD MUSEUM



Tour the former World War II bomber training base where 21 Heavy Bomber Groups trained to prepare for deployments overseas, including the 509th Composite Group (Enola Gay & Bock's Car) which trained for the first and to date only atomic bombardment of one nation against another. See and touch a part of history by taking the self-guided tour through this historic airfield.

Directions: Travel east from the Welcome Center on Wendover Boulevard. Turn right on 100 East Street and head south crossing the railroad tracks. Look for the red and white checkered control tower and the operations building. This is where the museum is located.



THE CENTER FOR LAND USE INTERPRETATION

The Center for Land Use Interpretation has an exhibit space at Wendover, Utah. The space was the first of The Center's regional exhibit halls that collectively comprise the Land Use Museum Complex. The Wendover Exhibit Hall is in a former army barracks at the old Wendover Airbase. The exhibit hall provides the region with a forum for addressing the area's landscape and land use issues, and is a display space for The Center's regional Site Extrapolation Projects, as well as a gallery for other related work.

The structure, designated as airbase building number 2514, was singled out by the CLUI due to its location and its ideal configuration and appearance for use as a display space.

Alterations to the building, basically unused since the evacuation of the military in 1977, have been minimal. A hanging wall has been constructed down the middle of the structure for the display of two-dimensional media, and the rear of the building has been enclosed for use as curatorial space.

Since June 1, 1996, the hall has been open to the public. Though it is best to make arrangements to view the exhibit ahead of time by contacting The Center, CLUI representatives are sometimes at the building, and an automated entry system allows 24-hour access.

Directions: Travel east from the Welcome Center on Wendover Boulevard. Turn right on 100 East Street and head south crossing the railroad tracks. Turn left at the first main intersection and travel east approximately one mile till you reach the fenced barracks compound located on your right. Enter the compound through the open gates. The CLUI building is located on the east side just south of the large Mess Hall Buildings. Press the numerals 1 then 2 on the door keypad.

BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS



Here, world land speed records have been set for nearly a century including the record setting run of the rocket car "Blue Flame" driven by Gary

Gabelich at speeds over 626 M.P.H. Lake Bonneville was named after Captain B.L.E. Bonneville a United States Military Officer and Explorer.

The salt flats were formed as the ancient lake which was once 1,050 feet deep, 145 miles wide and 346 miles long retreated to what is now the Great Salt Lake.

Directions: Travel east from West Wendover on Interstate 80. Take Exit #4 and follow the directional signs marked "Bonneville Salt Flats".



GOSHUTE RAPTOR MIGRATION PROJECT

This is one of the nations premier spots in the west to view hawks and other migratory birds as they venture south

for the winter. The best time to view migrations is from mid August through the first week of November.

Directions: Travel south on U.S. Highway 93A south 24 miles to Ferguson Springs located on the north side of the highway. Turn right and follow the main dirt road at Ferguson Springs for 1.8 miles to a "T" intersection. Turn right and proceed another 1.3 miles to the top of the hill, then take the left fork in the road and continue 2 miles to the parking area at the beginning of the trailhead. The hike is approximately 2.5 miles in length and a climb of 1,800 feet.



SILVER ISLAND MOUNTAINS NATIONAL BACK COUNTRY BYWAY

This range of mountains encompasses a 54-mile loop that traverses some of the most unique country in the U.S. It is a remote range of desert peaks adjacent to the Bonneville Salt Flats. Scenic vistas of the surrounding area, combined with the relative isolation along the route, offer the visitor a surreal experience. You will pass historical markers along the route such as the Donner Reed Pass. Coral and other fascinating geological formations from the days of ancient Lake Bonneville can be

found throughout the area. Take specific note of the shorelines of ancient Lake Bonneville, which were carved into the mountains approximately 1,000 feet above ground level.

Directions: (Silver Island Mountains National Back Country Byway) A BLM brochure is available for this adventure so just ask for it. If you do not have the brochure then travel east on Interstate 80. Take Exit #4 proceed for approximately 1 mile then take a left onto a paved road. Continue northwest for about 2 miles to Leppy Pass. Begin your adventure of the Silver Island Mountain Range from this point by taking the dirt road to the right and heading north.



DANGER CAVE & JUKE BOX CAVE

These caves are of pre-historic nature with excavations of Danger Cave on-going by the University of Utah Anthropology Dept., proving human occupation of the area dating back 10,300 years. Juke Box Cave as well has a more recent and interesting history of being used as a dance hall complete with a poured concrete floor laid by service men stationed here during World War II and working at the base camp of the Gunnery Range located just north of this area. Items from Danger Cave and Juke Box Cave can be viewed at the Utah Museum of Natural History. To deter vandalism, which was rampant in the early 1990's steel bars have been placed on the entrances, sorry.

Directions: Travel east on Interstate 80, take Exit #4 and turn left. Proceed for approximately 0.5 miles and turn left at a lone paved road. Proceeding west the road will eventually turn to dirt and you will need to travel another 1.5 miles till reaching the base of Wendover Peak (the mountain with the radio towers on top) where both caves are located on the eastern side of the mountain, Danger Cave towards the southern end and Juke Box Cave to the northern end.



CURVATURE OF THE EARTH

Due to the nature of the Great Basin Desert and the large expanse of the flat area associated with the Bonneville Salt Flats, one can actually ascertain the curvature of the earth when viewed from a specific location. The curvature is visible both day and night but is more predominant at night due to the lineal trail of headlights from vehicles traveling west on Interstate 80.

Directions: Proceed west on Wendover Boulevard from the Welcome Center for 2 miles till reaching the crest of what is called "Three Mile

Mountain". There is a dirt turn off located adjacent to the water storage reservoir which will allow you to turn your vehicle around. Once back on Wendover Boulevard, head east a bit less than 100 feet and pull off the Boulevard. From here you can look east across the Bonneville Salt Flats and you will note the wrapping affect of Interstate 80 across the area. Interstate 80 was built level and flat across the desert and what you are seeing is the visual effect of the actual curvature of our Earth.



509th COMPOSITE GROUP WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

"May this monument stand as a symbol of hope that mankind will reason and work together for the ultimate goal of world peace."

The 509th Composite Group, which was formed at Wendover Field in the fall of 1944 celebrated their 45th Reunion here in West Wendover and constructed this World War II Memorial in honor of the mission and the sacrifices made for world peace. The 509th Composite Group including Colonel Paul W. Tibbets and his crews delivered the first and to date only atomic bombardments of one nation against another. The first mission was to Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945, where the Enola Gay, piloted by Colonel Tibbets, dropped the first atomic bomb, which was termed a "Little Boy" design. The second mission on August 9, 1945, was the mission of Bock's Car piloted by Major Charles Sweeney, dropping the second atomic bomb, termed a "Fat Man" design, on Nagasaki, Japan. An interesting note of history is that the primary target of the 2nd mission Kokura, Japan, was too obscured by weather to drop the weapon safely and to ensure target accuracy by visual identification. As such, Major Sweeney chose the secondary target, Nagasaki.

As well, another interesting note and often times overlooked part of World War II history, is that Colonel Tibbets had chosen the B-29 (Necessary Evil) commanded by Captain George Marquardt to lead the third atomic bomb drop against Japan, scheduled for August 14, 1945, the primary target being the city of Kuromo. This mission was never executed as Japan surrendered shortly after the Nagasaki Mission of August 9, 1945 and the third atomic bomb ("Fat Man" design), which was on its way to Tinian from Wendover was stopped at an airfield in California; the B-29 transport flight was subsequently ordered to return to Wendover and unload the third weapon due to Japan's surrender. From these first designs out of Wendover, the production of atomic weapons continued.

Directions: The monument is located at 735 Wendover Boulevard in the Welcome Center parking lot.



PILOT PEAK

Captain John C. Fremont's survey party made the first recorded crossing of the Salt Flats to Pilot Peak in 1845 with a scouting party including Kit Carson and Joe Walker. Fremont sent Carson ahead to scout for water and Carson reportedly sent up smoke signals from springs which he located at the eastern base to guide the rest of the party to the location, thus the name given as "Pilot". Though Joe Walker's writings gave warning to emigrants not to attempt the untried route, a young 23-year old man named Lansford Hastings retraced Fremont's trail across the salt plain and the crossing was named Hastings Cutoff. The next year (1846) the Donner-Reed party using the cutoff was delayed due to muddy conditions across the salt plains and eventually were late in crossing the high Sierra Mountains on the Nevada/California border, trapping the party in winter storms which eventually led to the death of all but a few.

Beginner, intermediate and skilled hikers can all find a route to the top of Pilot Peak. At the summit, for those who make it, is located a log book to sign as proof of your journey. Many forms of wildlife can be viewed including elk, mountain lion, deer, mountain sheep and others.

Directions: EAST: (1) Travel east on Interstate 80. Take Exit #4 proceed for approximately 1 mile then take a left onto a paved road. Continue northwest for about 2 miles until reaching Leppy Pass. Following the main road to the left, travel for approximately 15 miles until reaching the eastern base of the mountain. WEST: (2) Travel west on Interstate 80 and take the Pilot Peak exit (approx. 12 miles west of West Wendover). Turn right at the exit and then follow the main road to the north, it will lead you to the northwestern side of the mountain.



TOKIO TROLLEY

The "Tokio Trolley" was built as an advanced training device for gunnery crews of the heavy bomber groups, which trained in Wendover during World War II. The trolley consisted of three machine guns mounted on a small rail car, which would move up to 40 M.P.H. on laid rail line. During the movement of the rail car, in the distance were located three firing pits that were constructed with moveable targets mounted on jeeps. The jeeps, which were protected from the live firing by the pit walls, were set in motion on wooden track systems inside the pits with speeds between 10

and 15 M.P.H. This would give realistic and precise gunnery training to individuals by providing a moving firing mount as well as moving targets. The system was so successful that in a telegram, General Douglas McArthur voiced his praise by saying, "Wendover's gunners were the best trained in the Army". This facility was a main part of the gunnery range and included in excess of 60 buildings for operations and storage, etc. However after World War II, the facilities were removed and all that remains are the firing pits, some concrete foundations in addition to the several stationary concrete firing platforms.

Directions: Proceed east on Wendover Boulevard from the Welcome Center. Turn left on Aria Boulevard and proceed north for 2.5 miles. The paved road will become dirt and you will pass the Wendover City Cemetery on your left, proceed on the main dirt road for another 2 miles and you will eventually see the firing pits to your left and center.



TOANA VISTA GOLF COURSE

The Toana Vista Golf Course is located at the western edge of the City of West Wendover on Pueblo Boulevard. It is an 18-Hole Championship Golf Course and can prove to be quite a challenge. The facility includes a new clubhouse with snack bar and a pro shop headed by a PGA Pro. The facility also includes practice bunkers, driving range and putting greens. Course record is 65 Jimmy Blair (competition) and 64 Milan Swilor (regular). Prices range from \$26 to \$43 including cart.

Directions: Proceed west on Wendover Boulevard from the Welcome Center until reaching Pueblo Boulevard. Turn left on Pueblo Boulevard and continue west for 0.5 miles, the golf course will be on your left. 2319 Pueblo Boulevard. Phone: (775) 664-4300 or 1-800-852-4300.

RECREATION CENTER



Ask for the West Wendover Recreation Guide/Schedule.

The West Wendover Recreation District owns, maintains and operates in addition to the Toana Vista Golf Course the Robert F. Scobie Park, LaCombe Triune, which includes two ball fields and two soccer/multi-purpose fields as well as the West Wendover Swimming Pool, Recreation Center and the Equestrian Park.

The Olympic size swimming pool is available for play and for exercise. Young people can play video games, shoot hoops, play ping-pong, lift weights as well as get together in a wholesome club atmosphere. Tennis, soccer, baseball, volleyball can be played nearby as well as private or group picnics under a pavilion at Scobie Park and horseback riding is a favorite that can be enjoyed at the rodeo grounds/arena.

Directions: LaCombe Triune/Recreation Center/Swimming Pool. 1000 West Florence Way. Proceed west on Wendover Boulevard and turn left on Florence Way. Continue on Florence for approximately 0.25 miles the facilities are located on your right. **Equestrian Park:** Proceed south on U.S. Highway 93A 1.5 miles and turn right on a dirt road which will take you to the rodeo grounds.



BLUE LAKE

Blue Lake is a very unique geo-thermal lake with extensive depth for scuba divers who use it for

certification. The lake temperature remains a moderate 72 degrees year-round and offers a wide array of marine life.

Directions: Proceed south on U.S. Highway 93A 16.8 miles. Make a left turn and proceed on the dirt road an additional 6.8 miles to the base of the lake. Be extra cautious as the road may have washouts and the area around the lake is quite marshy.

FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY



The West Wendover area has been home to some of Hollywood's biggest blockbuster movies. Among many, you can see *The World's Fastest Indian* with Anthony Hopkins or Will Smith in *Independence Day* fighting back a bad brood of aliens or Nicolas Cage in *Con Air* taking flight and taking hits from some hard core criminals, all in the backyard of West Wendover. Countless commercials, prime-time programs and movies made for television have put in production time in our surrounding area.

By placing big city accommodations together with small town charm, West Wendover has provided the film industries with the ideal filming location, for movies about the past, present and future. The surrounding area has been a moviemaker's backdrop for decades including the areas associated with Wendover Field providing the only remaining intact and usable World War II hangar flight line in the United States, which was used in the mid 1990's to film MGM's *Mulholland Falls* (shown in photo) which starred Nick Nolte, Melanie Griffith, Chazz Palminteri, Michael Madsen, Chris Penn, Treat Williams, Jennifer Connelly, Daniel Baldwin, Andrew McCarthy and John Malkovich.

Directions: Just east of West Wendover, the vast expanse of the Bonneville Salt Flats provides some of the best, to the lenses of both still and moving film; a vast white plain with high desert scenery and the backdrop of snow capped peaks. West Wendover keeps the film and photography industry coming back for more. Take your best shot!

TRANSCONTINENTAL TELEPHONE LINE



Today you can see a piece of great American History, which very few realize occurred here in West Wendover. It is the monument to the Transcontinental Telephone Connection. On June 17, 1914, AT&T erected the last pole of some 130,000 right here on the Utah/Nevada border. The telephone wires crossed more than 3,400 miles connecting the East and West Coast of the United States. This last splice, completed right here in West

Wendover made possible for the first time ever, voice communications across our great country from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The first call: Four locations participated in the first call. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone and co-founder of AT&T, led a group of dignitaries in New York. His one-time assistant Thomas Watson, led a group in San Francisco. AT&T President Theodore Vail spoke from Jekyll Island, Georgia and U.S. President Woodrow Wilson spoke from the White House.

At one point during the call, someone asked Professor Bell if he would repeat the first words he ever said over the telephone. He obliged, picking up the phone and repeating, "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you." To which Watson, in San Francisco, replied, "It would take me a week now."



STATE BOUNDARY

Want to know what a state boundary looks like? Well, right between the Wendover Nugget Hotel & Casino and the Montego Bay Casino & Resort you can find out. Here, you can see the line that separates our community into two states, two counties and two cities. You will notice the wide striping running north to south across Wendover Boulevard and the wording, which indicates which state you are in. An interesting note is that due to the state boundary, we have two of every government agencies in our community: 2 states, 2 counties, 2 cities with 2 mayors, 2 city councils, 2 administrative and public works departments, 2 fire departments – whew! That's a lot of twos. And, 4 law enforcement agencies (2 city, 2 county sheriffs and 2 state highway patrols). In answer to your question – yes, we have one of the highest percentage ratios in the nation of police officers per 1,000 persons of population. In answer to your second question – yes, those law enforcement agencies work together through interlocal and interagency agreements, providing great protection of our citizens and visitors. So beware, if you are thinking of making trouble – Don't! This is one border law enforcement agencies can and will cross!

Directions: From the Welcome Center, head east on Wendover Boulevard a bit more than a 1/2 mile to the main entrance of the Montego Bay Casino & Resort on the north side of Wendover Boulevard or the main entrance to the Wendover Nugget Hotel & Casino on the south side of Wendover Boulevard. Find a convenient parking place. The Transcontinental Telephone Monument is located just south of the Montego Bay building near the edge of the grass and trees. This spot puts you as well, directly on the Utah-Nevada state line, which separates our community. You will notice the striping and lettering on the boulevard indicating which state you are in.



Courtesy Young Electric Sign Company

WENDOVER WILL

Wendover Will has been greeting travelers to Wendover since 1952 and was the world's largest mechanical cowboy at 63 feet in height, 28 feet arm to arm in width, and containing, 1/4 mile of neon lighting tube. Wendover Will took the place of a tall pole mounted light, which was erected in the mid 1920's by William "Bill" Smith, the original owner and founder of the State Line Cobblestone Service Station. This cobblestone service station welcomed weary travelers to the oasis of Wendover from the dry and harsh conditions of the barren deserts of western Utah and eastern Nevada. When gambling became legal in Nevada in 1931, that cobblestone service station grew and became the State Line Hotel & Casino, now the Wendover Nugget. In 2005, Wendover Will was given to the City of West Wendover and relocated to the new City Center area, where he once again stands tall on the City's skyline welcoming you to West Wendover.

Commemorative medallions can still be purchased celebrating his restoration and prominence to the community. Call 1-866-299-2489 for more information.

Directions: *Wendover Will is located at 1552 W. Wendover Boulevard in the new City Center area.*

SUN TUNNELS



Situated on 40 acres in the west desert and surrounded by a low ring of mountains. Sun Tunnels is a sculpture built with the solstices' in mind. Built by renowned environmentalist and artist

Nancy Holt, the work is also a solar observatory geared to sunrises and sunsets around June 21st and December 21st. The solstices are the days of the solar year on which the sun rises and sets at the points farthest north (in summer) and south (in winter) of the equator. The work consists of four cast concrete tubes about 86 feet in the diagonal, each 18 ft tunnels, with open ends aligned with the points on the horizon where the sun rises and sets at the winter and summer solstices. Penetrating the tunnels are holes with diameters of 7 to 10 inches in the patterns of the four Constellations; Capricorn, Draco, Columbia and Perseus.

Directions: *Travel east on Interstate 80. Take exit #4 proceed for approximately 1 mile when the paved road turns east take the paved road to the left. Continue northwest for 2 miles until reaching Leppy Pass. Following the main road to the left, travel for approximately 4.2 miles. 2 miles before Lucin, turn right for 2 miles then right for 1/4 mile to the Sun Tunnels. There is a parking area at the end of the road.*

WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD FEATHER RIVER ROUTE - HISTORY AT WENDOVER



West Wendover's beginnings date back to the turn of the twentieth century, approximately 1906, when the Western Pacific Railroad began operating its newly laid rail line through the area connecting Salt Lake City to Oakland and San Francisco. The community was named Wendover and at this first subdivision point, steam locomotives would take on fresh water and coal, perform any maintenance and continue their trek west to the



Pacific Coast or east to Salt Lake City. This spot was chosen, even though there was no water available because Wendover lay at the foot of 33 miles of 1 percent grade of track to the west and 100 miles of near level track to the east. After extensive studies by Western Pacific engineers and accountants, it was determined that even after the installation of a 26 mile water line, by locating the first subdivision at Wendover instead of Shafter Valley, which was 33 miles to the west and on the other side of Silver Zone Pass and its two percent climbing track, the company would save over \$100,000 a year in operating costs. Thus, Wendover was born as a sprawling Western Pacific Railroad encampment complete with loading docks, train station, fuel facilities, water storage, housing and maintenance facilities for the company.

During World War I the Western Pacific Railroad served as a connection point for the Deep Creek Railroad, which hauled valuable processing ores from the arsenic mines of Gold Hill some 30 miles to the south for distribution throughout the west. This valuable product helped in the processing of many of the fine metals such as copper, silver and gold.

Then, prior to World War II, the Western Pacific line became a much larger focal point when in late 1939, the United States Army chose Wendover as the location for what was to become the largest military reserve in the world, encompassing over 3.5 million acres of land called the Wendover Bombing and Gunnery Range, which included Wendover Field located immediately adjacent to the rail line. The Western Pacific Railroad brought men, women, equipment and materials to Wendover Field, which lay far inland within the Great Basin Deserts of Utah and Nevada, far away from any potential enemy attack. Being so remote and isolated from any metropolitan area also gave great benefits to the intricate, detailed and difficult training, which the some 20,000 plus military and civilian personnel would endure. Wendover Field subsequently became the pre-eminent training facility for heavy bomber crews during World War II, including the famed 509th Composite Group which included

the B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay". This aircraft, piloted by Colonel Paul W. Tibbets, and its sister aircraft "Bock's Car" along with other surveillance, photographic and scientific B-29's, dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, leading to the unconditional surrender of the Imperial Japanese Forces and an end to World War II.

Shortly after the War, the Western Pacific Railroad put into operation the very popular California Zephyr providing deluxe passenger service and becoming nationally known. The California Zephyr provided passengers with a level of service never before seen including the magnificent vistas and scenery of the western United States, which was unsurpassed in the history of passenger train travel. This continued until 1970, when the Zephyr discontinued operations, not because of a lack of service or grandeur but, the lack of patronage now due overwhelmingly to the preference of the public with the jet age and its high speed travel capabilities turning a several day journey by train into a mere few hour ride.

Of course as steam locomotives gave way to newer and more powerful diesel locomotives, Wendover still provided the logistical support needed for those systems, however as technology improved the performance and reliability of such systems, Wendover's role diminished. By the early 1970's, except for track maintenance crews, local car crews and the like, the necessity for maintenance facilities, the train station or the required fuel stops for the locomotives had vanished. New and improved locomotives could now race through Wendover without fuel or maintenance stops at speeds in excess of 55 M.P.H., providing only a short glimpse to a place, which was one of the most important in the beginning of a great American company.

In 1983, the Western Pacific Railroad Company was merged as a subsidiary to the logistical and financially powerful Union Pacific Railroad Company. Though the original character of the Western Pacific Railroad Company was now gone, the original system which it established became part of and continues to be part of one of the highly used main routes and thoroughfares for the Union Pacific Railroad and other rail companies such as Southern Pacific, Sante Fe, and even AmTrak. These companies and others, as they transport hundreds of millions of tons per year of materials, goods and travelers with speed, power and endurance throughout the United States.



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