

# MORGAN VALLEY

VISITORS' GUIDE



# WELCOME TO MORGAN VALLEY

more than meets the eye 

If you think this is drive-by country, think again. Beyond the expansive pastures and photo-worthy vistas of the Wasatch Range lies a storied history of pioneer treks, small-town living, and access to some of Utah's best rafting, skiing, fishing, and fun. Just 45 minutes from Salt Lake City and 20 minutes from Ogden, we're easy to get to, even though you'll feel a million miles away.

Within this guide, you'll find everything you need to know about Utah's mountain escape.



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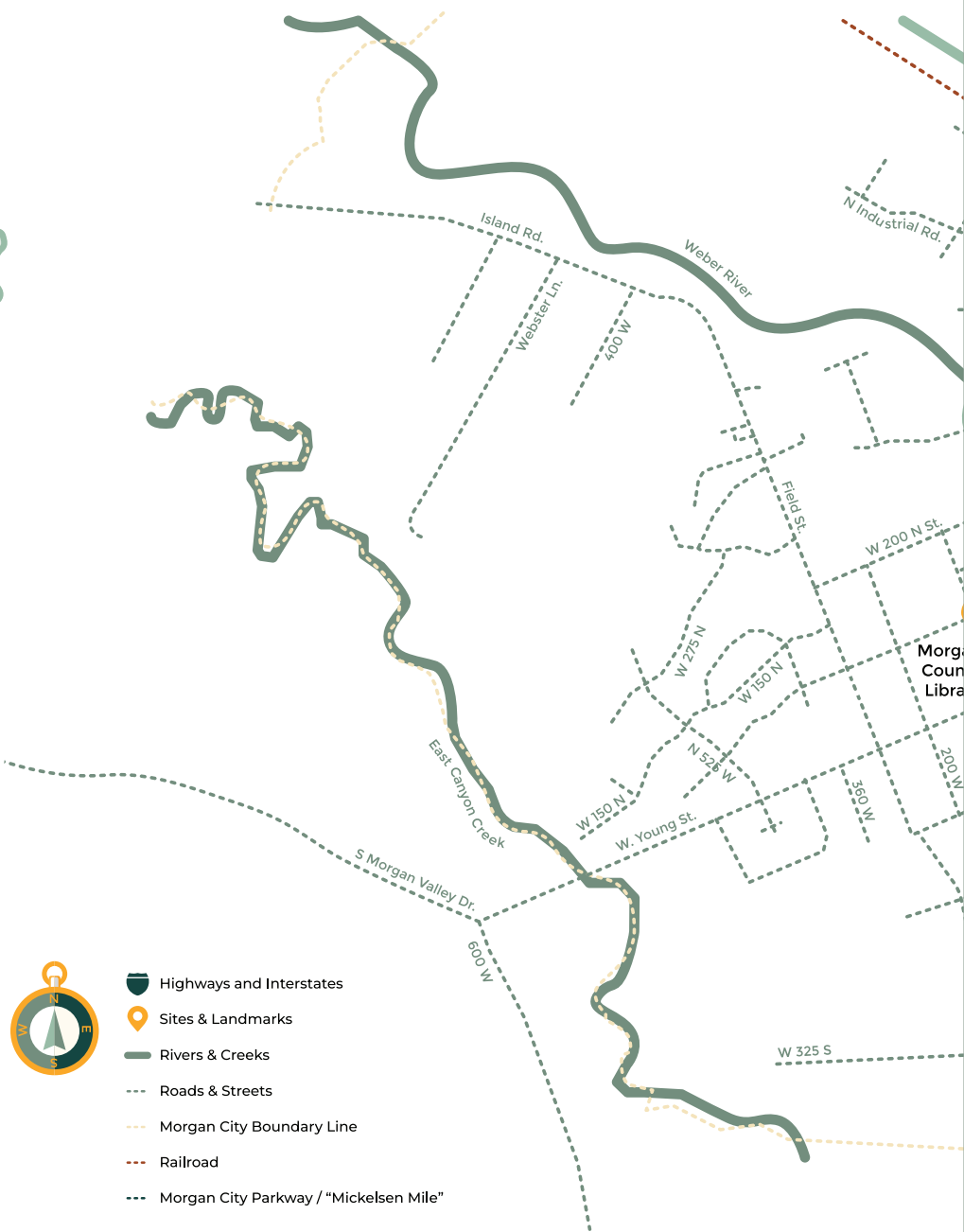
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## The Lay of the Valley



### **NORTHWEST**

#### **Mountain Green to Snowbasin**

Embark on a journey of awe-inspiring vistas, fresh powder, and backcountry vibes. Where Mountain Green meets Snowbasin Resort, Northwest has evolved from the stomping ground of frontiersmen and traders to an oasis of fun.



### **CENTRAL**

#### **Morgan City**

A hidden hub of dining, shopping, and exclusive experiences, Central offers the best of vibrant, small-town living. The backdrop? The bootprints of northern Utah's earliest settlers and trailblazers.



### **NORTHEAST**

#### **Weber River Access to Lost Creek**

Venture beyond Morgan to find heart-pumping wonders in Northeast. Float, kayak, or paddle down the Weber River, gaze at landmarks, or soak up one of Utah's newest gems, Lost Creek State Park.

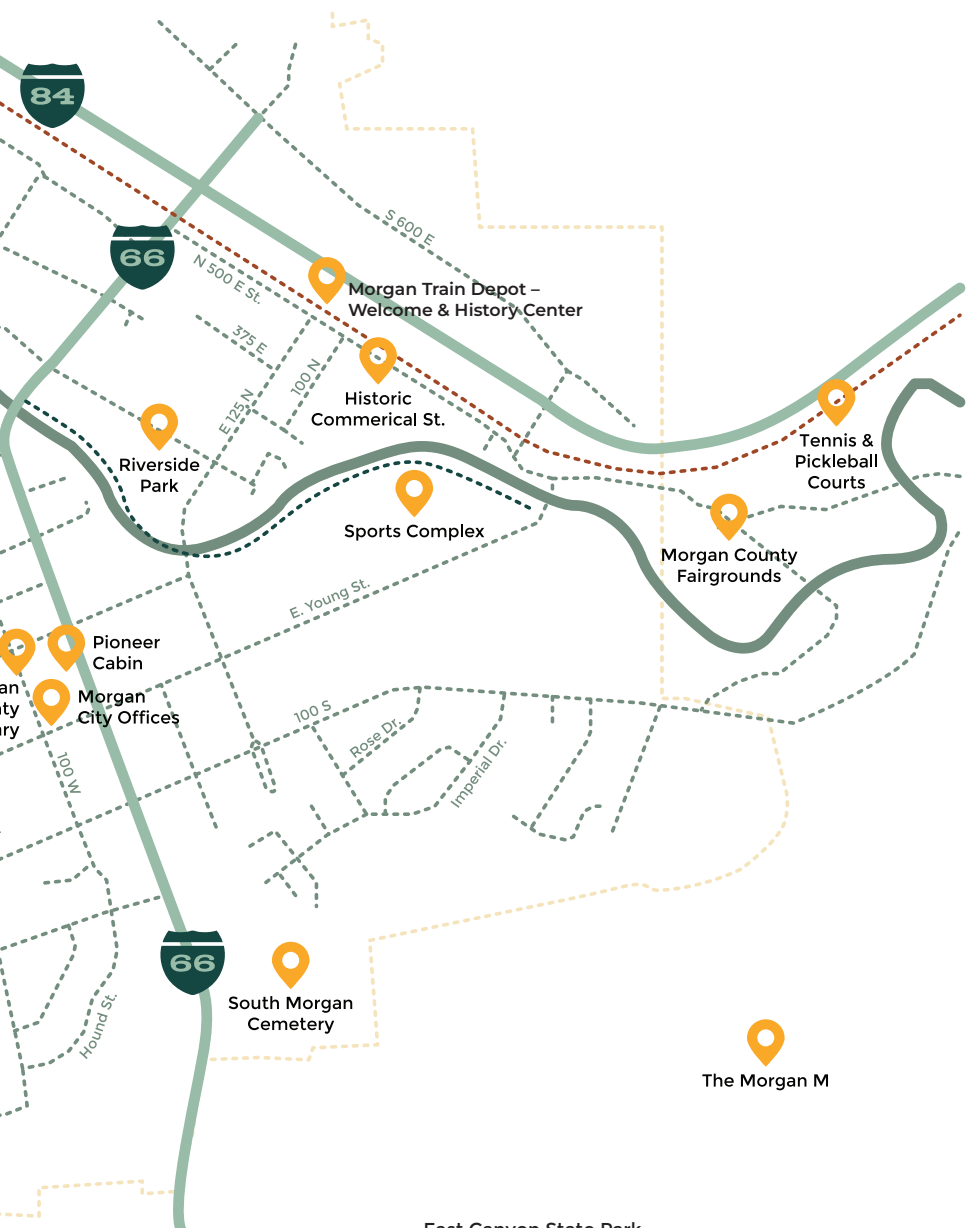


### **SOUTHEAST**

#### **South Morgan to Big Mountain**

Travel down Morgan City's southern gateway to discover mountain meadows and abundant wildlife in Southeast, which spans East Canyon State Park and Big Mountain. Follow the paths of the Donner Party and Mormon pioneers, blending history and nature.

Lost Creek State Park



East Canyon State Park



## Just Passing Through

Is Morgan Valley part of a grander adventure?

Make Utah's mountain escape a worthwhile stop, and cross off these must-sees:

- In the summer, give rafting down the Weber River a go (page 11).
- If you're visiting in the winter, venture to East Canyon State Park to hike (page 31) or snowshoe (page 26).
- Soak up nature's tranquility at Lost Creek State Park, where you can enjoy gentle boating, kayaking, and other primitive recreation on the wakeless reservoir (page 13).
- Take a scenic drive retracing the route of the Donner-Reed Party and Mormon emigrants (page 43).
- Discover delicious Morgan Made creations at spots like Milk Barn Creamery and Higbee Honey (page 60).
- Scale your way to the vista views on the Morgan "M" trail (page 30).
- Stop by the Morgan Train Depot - Welcome & History Center (page 38)
- Try to spot Devil's Slide (page 43).

## Share the Action

In Morgan Valley, you'll find a beautiful mix of action and tranquility you'll want to share.

Reach out to us, tell us what you're up to on your travels, or find tips on Facebook and Instagram @[ExploreMorganUtah](#).

Visit [ExploreMorganUtah.com](https://www.exploremorganutah.com) for the most up-to-date activities and info.



## Getting Your Bearings

Here's what to know before heading out on the road, trail, or river.

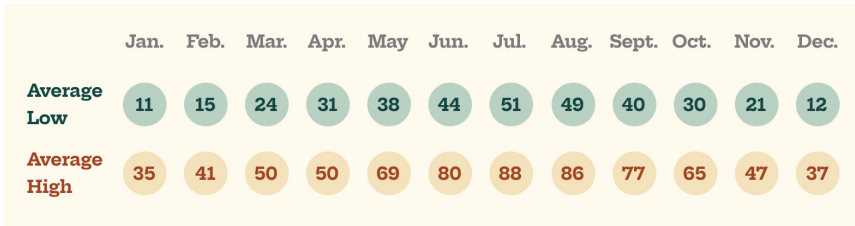
### PRIVATE PROPERTY

Morgan Valley boasts the highest percentage of privately owned land in Utah. This includes ranches and family farms dedicated to livestock and sheep farming, and field crops.

To respect these vital agricultural spaces, visitors are not permitted on private property at any time. Some families and local outfitters facilitate outdoor experiences such as horse-drawn wagon rides (page 15) and snowshoeing (page 26) on these private lands. For hiking, trail running, and cross-country skiing, stick to approved public routes at state and local parks.

## WEATHER

We get four distinct seasons, for lots of activities! Our summers are warm and mild with cooler evenings. The snowiest days in the Valley typically span December through February.



## TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY

Each person who visits Morgan Valley leaves an impact. Do your part to keep Utah Forever Mighty and follow the Leave No Trace principles:

1. Know Before You Go
2. Stick to Trails and “Overnight Right”
3. Trash Your Trash
4. Protect Indigenous Cultural Heritage
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Keep Wildlife Wild
7. Share Our Parks, Trails, and Roads

## DRIVING AROUND

Morgan Valley is full of curves and mountain driving and sometimes, unexpected weather. Make your visit a safe one by following posted speed limits, wearing a seatbelt, and staying alert. Four-wheel drive is best for navigating the Valley’s snowy and icy conditions.

Read up on more important driving tips at [ExploreMorganUtah.com](https://www.exploremorganutah.com).



## HANDLING ALTITUDE

With altitudes ranging from 5,200’ in Morgan to max elevation of 7,420’ at Big Mountain Pass, Morgan Valley is considered high altitude. Visitors occasionally feel the effects of this change.

If you’re visiting for the first time or coming from lower elevations:

**Stay hydrated:** Carry more water than you think, especially for outdoor adventures.

**Pace yourself on the trail and at the gym:** Ease into your activity and adjust as needed. The reduced oxygen levels can make you feel more winded.

**Stop while you’re ahead:** If you’re feeling nauseous, tired, dizzy, or have a sudden headache, listen to your body and get to a lower altitude right away.



Taggarts Rapid,  
Weber River.

# SUMMER

The Weber River stays warmer than most in Utah, making it the perfect spot for rafting. Or go golfing, boating, swimming, or try other watersports.

## Rafting

### DESTINATION SPORTS OF MORGAN

#### Central

- 103 N. Commercial Street, Morgan
- 801-845-6895
- [DestinationSports.com](https://www.destination-sports.com)

Experience the not-too-scary thrills of the Weber River and Weber Canyon on a guided paddle raft trip. This outfitter also offers guided kayaking (page 17) and hiking trips (page 32), in addition to horseback riding (page 15) and paddleboard rentals (page 20).

### PARK CITY RAFTING

#### Northeast

- 1245 Taggart Lane, Morgan
- 435-655-3800
- [ParkCityRafting.com](https://www.parkcityrafting.com)

Embark on a guided whitewater rafting journey down the Weber River. The Henefer-to-Taggart stretch is brimming with fascinating stories and breathtaking geology.





## Biking

### SNOWBASIN RESORT

Northwest

- [Needles Express, South Ogden](#)
- [801-620-1000](#)
- [Snowbasin.com](#)

Climb over 26 miles of mountain biking trails to find unmatched mountain beauty. On the weekends, get a lift from the Needles Gondola. Find hiking opportunities on page 32.

## Boating, Swimming, and Watersports

### EAST CANYON STATE PARK

Southeast

- [801-829-6866](#)
- [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](#)

Spend a day on the water boating, swimming, or soaking up other watersports - tucked away in the foothills of the Wasatch



Mountains. Boats, watercraft, and other gear are available to rent. Read more about this park's history on page 31.

### LOST CREEK STATE PARK

Northeast

- [Croydon](#)
- [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek](#)

Enjoy swimming and gentle boating at Lost Creek, a wakeless reservoir offering ample peace and seclusion for primitive recreation. Bring a kayak (page 17) or stand-up paddleboard (page 20), fish (page 33), or just appreciate the wildlife (page 29). Purchase day use and camping passes online beforehand.



## Golf

### ROUND VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Northeast

- 1875 E. Round Valley Road, Morgan
- 801-829-3796
- [RoundValleyGolfCourse.com](http://RoundValleyGolfCourse.com)

Hit the links at this scenic, 18-hole public golf course spanning over 6,732 yards with a slope rating of 122. Or hone your skills at the driving range and putting green.

### TEE BOX

Central

- 23 W. 150 North, Morgan
- 801-332-9146
- [Tbx.Golf](http://Tbx.Golf)

Level up your play with a membership-based program offering golf-focused fitness equipment, weight training, and private instruction.

## Horseback Riding and Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides

### DESTINATION SPORTS OF MORGAN

Central

- 103 N. Commercial Street, Morgan
- 801-845-6895
- [DestinationSports.com](http://DestinationSports.com)

Access private property trails on Clydesdale horse-drawn wagon rides through a historic working ranch. This outfitter also offers guided rafting trips (page 11), paddleboard rentals (page 20), and more.

### DRAGONFLY CARRIAGES

Central

- 801-319-7672
- [DragonflyCarriages.com](http://DragonflyCarriages.com)

Enjoy a peaceful wagon ride led by beautiful Percherons. Couples and groups can book an eight-passenger wagon to their reunion, wedding, dance, or gathering.

### HAT CREEK OUTFITTERS

Southeast

- 10167 S. Highway 65, Morgan
- 801-821-1475
- [HatCreekOutfitters.com](http://HatCreekOutfitters.com)

Wander and explore the wilderness on a guided horseback ride customizable for all skills. Families, couples, and large groups can take a horse-drawn ride through the beautiful mountain meadows. Come winter, plan a sleigh ride (page 25).



## THURSTON FARMS

### Northwest

- 1202 N. 2200 West, Morgan
- 801-821-0408
- [MorganSleighNWagonRides.com](http://MorganSleighNWagonRides.com)

Led by a team of Clydesdales on this century-old farm, embark on a relaxing horse-drawn wagon ride through the relaxing, picturesque landscape. During the summer, groups have the option to reserve space at Milton Park and start their ride from there. In the winter, see the snow-capped landscape (page 25).

## WARRIOR RIZEN RANCH

### Southeast

- 3265 UT-66, Morgan
- 910-987-1488
- [WarriorRizenRanch.com](http://WarriorRizenRanch.com)

Visit this 6,500-acre dude ranch for horse riding lessons and trail riding that supports veterans and their families.

## Kayaking

### DESTINATION SPORTS OF MORGAN

#### Central

- 103 N. Commercial Street, Morgan
- 801-845-6895
- [DestinationSports.com](http://DestinationSports.com)



Take a privately guided river kayaking trip through Weber Canyon or Henefer Valley. Inflatable whitewater river kayaks, hard-shell flatwater lake kayaks, and gear are available to rent for self-guided exploration. Find more fun from this outfitter with guided rafting experiences (page 11), hiking trips (page 32), and horseback rides (page 15).

### EAST CANYON STATE PARK

#### Southeast

- 801-829-6866
- [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](http://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon)

Spend a day on the water kayaking on the reservoir. Boats, watercraft, canoes, and other gear are available to rent. See page 12.

### LOST CREEK STATE PARK

#### Northeast

- Croydon
- [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek](http://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek)

Kayak at Lost Creek, a wakeless reservoir in one of Utah's newest state parks. Purchase day use and camping passes online beforehand.



## Parks and Playgrounds

### FOX POINTE PARK

Central

- 198 300 West, Morgan
- [MorganCityUT.org/ParksRec](https://MorganCityUT.org/ParksRec)

Stroll along the paved path or use the grassy area for a pickup game of soccer or frisbee. Kids can romp at the playground.

### KENT SMITH MEMORIAL PARK

Northwest

- 5457 W. Old Highway Road, Morgan
- [MorganCountyUtah.gov/Parks](https://MorganCountyUtah.gov/Parks)

Enjoy a children's playground, along with dedicated spaces for soccer, baseball, and sand volleyball. Or cook up a feast using the outdoor kitchen, grills, picnic tables, and reservable bowery.

### MILTON PARK

Central

- S. 7th Street West, Morgan
- [MorganCountyUtah.gov/Parks](https://MorganCountyUtah.gov/Parks)

Check out this park's playground, basketball court, horse arena, fire pit with benches, and grassy area for outdoor fun. Restrooms are on site, and groups can rent the covered bowery and picnic tables.

### MOUNTAIN GREEN BOWERY AND CEMETERY

Northwest

- 4422 Cottonwood Canyon Road, Mountain Green
- 801-613-8829

This grassy hillside cemetery stands as the peaceful burial ground for many generations, including pioneers from the 1860s. The Bowery provides generous areas for various activities and events, featuring two expansive playing fields, a camping area, an amphitheater, and a covered bowery with picnic tables.

### RIVERSIDE PARK

Central

- 195 E. 125 North, Morgan
- [MorganCityUT.org/ParksRec](https://MorganCityUT.org/ParksRec)

Play sand volleyball, basketball, or baseball, or visit the skate park. Follow the trail around the Weber River or make memories at one of the multiple pavilions and shady picnic areas. Kids can blow off steam at the playground or splash pad. Two boweries are reservable; others are first-come-first-serve.



## Stand-Up Paddleboarding

### EAST CANYON STATE PARK

Southeast

→ 801-829-6866

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](https://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon)

Spend a day on the water. Boats, watercraft, canoes, and other gear are also available to rent (page 12).

### DESTINATION SPORTS OF MORGAN

Central

→ 103 N. Commercial Street, Morgan

→ 801-845-6895

→ [DestinationSports.com](https://DestinationSports.com)

Rent stand-up paddle boards to explore the Valley's waterways. Water lovers can also check out rafting adventures (page 11).



## LOST CREEK STATE PARK

Northeast

→ Croydon

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek](https://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek)

Enjoy stand-up paddle boarding at Lost Creek, a wakeless reservoir offering ample peace and seclusion for primitive recreation. Purchase day use and camping passes online beforehand.

# WINTER

Experience the unbridled beauty of skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and sleigh rides around the Valley.

## Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding

### SNOWBASIN RESORT

Northwest

- [Needles Express, South Ogden](#)
- [801-620-1000](#)
- [Snowbasin.com](#)

With 114 trails sprawling across 3,000 acres, Snowbasin brings together unmatched mountain beauty and world-class skiing and snowboarding experiences for all abilities. Choose from wide-open bowls, steep, tree-lined trails, and family-friendly runs with a top elevation of 9,465' - one of the highest in the nation.

## Cross-Country Skiing

### EAST CANYON STATE PARK - MORMON PIONEER TRAIL

Southeast

- [801-829-6866](#)
- [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](#)

Step into the paths of the Donner Party and determined Mormons, cross-country skiing along their preserved trail. From Mormon Flat Campground, the trail climbs four miles to the top of Big Mountain located on Highway 65. From Mormon Flat





Campground, view remnants of Fort Wells, a structure Mormon settlers built to protect the Salt Lake Valley after erroneous reports that troops would be sent to quell rebellious Mormons.

### **EAST CANYON STATE PARK - RESERVOIR OVERLOOK TRAIL**

Southeast

→ 801-829-6866

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](https://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon)

Tromp through this 1.6-mile, out-and-back trail, great for a short adventure or young explorers. Dogs must be on a leash.

### **LOST CREEK STATE PARK**

Northeast

→ Croydon

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek](https://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek)

In the early winter, cross-country ski around one of Utah's newest state parks featuring Lost Creek, a wakeless reservoir. Extend your visit with snowshoeing (page 26) and ice fishing (page 33). Purchase day use and camping passes online beforehand.

## **Sleigh Rides**

### **HAT CREEK OUTFITTERS**

Southeast

→ 10167 S. Highway 65, Morgan

→ 801-821-1475

→ [HatCreekOutfitters.com](https://HatCreekOutfitters.com)

When the snow flies, get whisked away on an adventure through the woods. A fire ring and picnic tables are available to groups who wish to enjoy a meal or roast marshmallows on their ride.

### **THURSTON FARMS**

Northwest

→ 1202 N. 2200 West, Morgan

→ 801-821-0408

→ [MorganSleighNWagonRides.com](https://MorganSleighNWagonRides.com)

Led by a team of Clydesdales on this century-old farm, trot through the snow-capped landscape. Get ready to get captivated by the views of the Wasatch Range on one side and the Weber River on the other.

### **DESTINATION SPORTS OF MORGAN**

Central

→ 103 N. Commercial Street, Morgan

→ 801-845-6895

→ [DestinationSports.com](https://DestinationSports.com)

Access private property trails on Clydesdale horse-drawn sleigh rides through a historic working ranch. This outfitter also offers snowshoeing adventures, guided hikes (page 32), and gear rentals.







## Snowshoeing

### EAST CANYON STATE PARK - MORMON PIONEER TRAIL

Southeast

- 5535 S. Highway 66, Morgan
- 801-829-6866
- [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](http://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon)

Learn more about this historic trail on page 31.

### EAST CANYON STATE PARK - RESERVOIR OVERLOOK TRAIL

Southeast

- 5535 S. Highway 66, Morgan
- 801-829-6866
- [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](http://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon)

Read more on page 24.

### MORGAN "M" TRAIL

Southeast

- 335 S. State Street, Morgan

Experienced snowshoers can take on this steep, challenging 1.3-mile route that scales the ridge of the concrete M. Access the trailhead from the South Morgan Cemetery and then follow the road.



### DESTINATION SPORTS OF MORGAN

Central

- 103 N. Commercial Street, Morgan
- 801-845-6895
- [DestinationSports.com](http://DestinationSports.com)

Experience the serenity of nature snowshoeing on a private ranch tour. Snowshoes and gear rentals are also available.

### LOST CREEK STATE PARK

Northeast

- Croydon
- [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek](http://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek)

In the early winter, clomp around one of Utah's newest state parks featuring Lost Creek, a wakeless reservoir. Purchase day use and camping passes online beforehand.

# YEAR-ROUND

See Morgan's beauty in every season through hiking, fishing, birdwatching, stargazing, and more.

## Birdwatching and Wildlife Observation

### EAST CANYON STATE PARK

Southeast

→ 801-829-6866

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](https://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon)

Encounter signature pinyon and juniper trees that dot the landscape, along with sagebrush and stunning wildflowers. Visitors can spot mule deer grazing in open areas, elk, foxes, chipmunks, squirrels, and a variety of birds, including red-tailed hawks, eagles, owls, and songbirds. Read about the park's historic roots on page 40-42.

### THURSTON FARMS

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→ 801-821-0408

→ [MorganSleighNWagonRides.com](https://MorganSleighNWagonRides.com)

Led by a team of Clydesdales on this century-old farm, embark on a relaxing horse-drawn wagon ride or sleigh ride through the relaxing, picturesque landscape. Riders may get a chance to see some of the wildlife that call the Valley home.



### **MORGAN "M" TRAIL**

Southeast

→ [335 S. State Street, Morgan](#)

Experienced hikers, runners, and snowshoers (page 27) can scale the ridge of the concrete M to see wildlife and catch views of Francis Peak, Morgan City, and the surrounding Valley. Access the trailhead from the South Morgan Cemetery and then follow the road. If it's snowy, snowshoes are needed. If icy, spikes are needed.

### **LOST CREEK STATE PARK**

Northeast

→ [Croydon](#)

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek](#)

### **EAST CANYON STATE PARK - MORMON FLAT CAMPGROUND TRAIL**

Southeast

→ [801-829-6866](#)

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](#)



### **Hiking and Trail Running**

#### **EAST CANYON STATE PARK - MORMON PIONEER TRAIL**

Southeast

→ [801-829-6866](#)

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](#)

Unwind, reconnect with nature, and appreciate the incredible history-making wonders in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains. Explore the Mormon Pioneer Trail – the path once trekked by the ill-fated Donner-Reed Party as part of their 2,500-mile voyage and one year later, by determined Mormons. The trail stretches four miles from Mormon Flat Campground to the top of Big Mountain located on Highway 65. Check out historic sites along the route on page 40–42.

#### **EAST CANYON STATE PARK - RESERVOIR OVERLOOK TRAIL**

Southeast

→ [801-829-6866](#)

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](#)

## EAST CANYON STATE PARK - MORMON FLAT CAMPGROUND TRAIL

Southeast

→ 801-829-6866

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](https://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon)

## SNOWBASIN RESORT

Northwest

→ Needles Express, South Ogden

→ 801-620-1000

→ [Snowbasin.com](https://Snowbasin.com)

Climb over 26 miles of trails to find unmatched mountain beauty. On the weekends, get a lift from the Needles Gondola. Catch biking on page 12 and skiing and snowboarding on page 23.

## MORGAN "M" TRAIL

Southeast

→ 335 S. State Street, Morgan

Experienced hikers and runners can take on this steep, challenging 1.3-mile route that scales the ridge of the concrete M. Discover more on page 30.

## DESTINATION SPORTS OF MORGAN

Central

→ 103 N. Commercial Street, Morgan

→ 801-845-6895

→ [DestinationSports.com](https://DestinationSports.com)

Explore red rock cliffs, herds of livestock, and wildlife galore on guided hikes of private, family-run, working ranch properties and public trails. This outfitter also offers summer fun on the Weber River (page 11), along with private sleigh rides and snowshoeing tours (page 27).

## Rifle Range

### MORGAN COUNTY RIFLE RANGE

Central

→ 870 E. Mahogany Ridge Road,  
Morgan

→ 801-829-0590

→ [MorganCountyUtah.gov/Parks](https://MorganCountyUtah.gov/Parks)



Gear up for a session at this rifle range, equipped with 16 targets, handgun pads at 50 yards, shotgun pads at 200 yards, and an automated shotgun shed (trap house) for clay pigeon shooting. Make reservations online.

## Fishing

### EAST CANYON STATE PARK

Southeast

→ 801-829-6866

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](https://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon)

Cast lines for smallmouth bass, bass, crappies, and crawfish in the reservoir or ice fish in the winter. Depending on the season, hiking trails (page 31), snowshoeing (page 26), and watersports (page 12) are also waiting for you to explore.

### LOST CREEK STATE PARK

Northeast

→ Croydon

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek](https://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek)

Head to Lost Creek, one of Utah's few wakeless reservoirs, for tiger trout, rainbow trout, Kokanee salmon, and more.



Depending on weather, access roads, and ice conditions, ice fishing is available.

## LOWER WEBER RIVER

Central to Northeast

This lower section flows from Echo Reservoir near Henefer down Weber Canyon. In the early spring and fall, anglers head here in search of trophy-sized brown trout, rainbow trout, and whitefish. To access publicly, park at Riverside Park (page 19) or the County Fairgrounds and then walk across to post up along the Riverwalk Trail.

## Stargazing

### EAST CANYON STATE PARK

Southeast

→ 801-829-6866

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon](https://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/East-Canyon)

East Canyon State Park holds an International Dark Sky Place designation by the International Dark Sky Association



– meaning its stunning night-sky offers an incredible chance to see the Milky Way. Find daytime hiking adventures on page 31 or wintery fun on page 23. Then, spend all night under the stars with on-site camping and accommodations (page 63).

### LOST CREEK STATE PARK

Northeast

→ [Croydon](#)

→ [StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek](https://StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Lost-Creek)

Find celestial wonder amidst the stillness along this wakeless reservoir. Discover more primitive recreation like kayaking and paddleboarding on page 21. Purchase day use and camping passes online beforehand.

### MORGAN-PARLEYS SCENIC BYWAY

Southeast

Drive this 33-mile stretch from I-84 in Morgan along Highway 66 to East Canyon State Park. Then continue southward along Highway 65 to Big Mountain. As you wind through canyons, farmland, and forest, look up to the starry skies.



# LANDMARKS & SITES

From the rock formations dating back more than 2.5 million years to the blazed treks of the Donner-Reed Party and Mormon emigrants in the 1840s, Morgan Valley was built on tradition and tenacity. Whether weathered by erosion or adversity, you can trace their remarkable legacies today.

## Historical

### DESERTER POINT

Northwest

→ [Utah I-84 Mountain Green Rest Area, Morgan](#)

Read about a historical meeting and territorial conflict involving mountain men from Britain, Canada, and the Rocky Mountain Fur Company, documented at the Mountain Green Rest Stop.

### MOUNTAIN GREEN BOWERY AND CEMETERY

Northwest

→ [4422 Cottonwood Canyon Road, Mountain Green](#)

→ [801-613-8829](#)

This grassy hillside cemetery stands as the peaceful burial ground for many generations, including pioneers from the 1860s. The Bowery provides generous areas for various activities and events (page 19).



## HISTORIC COMMERCIAL STREET SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

### Central

Embark on a self-guided walking tour along Commercial Street, visiting the buildings and sites pivotal to early Morgan's business community. Enhance your exploration by downloading the Utah Heritage Walks app, available on the Apple App Store and Google Play, as your guide.

## MORGAN TRAIN DEPOT - WELCOME & HISTORY CENTER

### Central

- 98 N. Commercial Street, Morgan
- 801-845-6085
- [MorganCityUT.org/Community](http://MorganCityUT.org/Community)

Tour this newly renovated passenger depot that once served a section of the Transcontinental Railroad. In the same building,



sift through and discover the history of Morgan County. Members of the public are welcome to explore the Society's archives of records, biographies, journals, diaries, photographs, and other historic materials from early Morgan County.

## MORGAN DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEER MUSEUM AND CABIN

### Central

- 33 N. Main Street, Morgan
- 801-589-8847
- [ISDUP.org](http://ISDUP.org)

Learn about the influential people who founded northern Utah. See pioneer artifacts from yesteryear, along with a cabin built by settler George Henry Peterson in 1857.



## PIONEER CABIN

Central

→ 4-98 Utah Highway 66, Morgan

This pioneer relic memorializes key aspects of early Morgan life. The first white boy born in the county, Charles R. Steven, was born in the cabin. Old mill bur from the area's first grist mill forms the surrounding monument.

## MORGAN FAMILY SEARCH CENTER

Central

→ 93 N. State Street, Morgan

→ 801-829-0221

Uncover the genealogy and narratives of Morgan County families. The center offers classes on ancestry databases and pioneer websites, along with tours and research equipment for training or independent study.

## PRATT'S PASS CAMP

Southeast

→ Outside of Henefer, northeast of Hogsback Summit

Emigrants crossed the Weber River upstream and camped at the mouth of the Main Canyon. Later they turned southwest,

ascending the canyon to avoid the nearly impassible Weber River. Learn more on Morgan County's Self-Guided Auto Tour.

## HOGSBACK SUMMIT "HEARTBREAK RIDGE"

Southeast

→ [NPS.gov/Places/Hogsback-Summit.Htm](https://www.nps.gov/Places/Hogsback-Summit.Htm)

The Mormon Pioneer Trail, Pony Express National Historic Trail, and California National Historic Trail all cross at this divide. Its name comes from the unmistakable despair of the emigrants who upon reaching this spot, saw the jagged peaks and rough terrain of the Wasatch Mountains on the horizon. Heartbreak Ridge is located along East Canyon Road outside of East Canyon State Park. Learn more on Morgan County's Self-Guided Auto Tour.

## CANYON CREEK

Southeast

→ Along Highway 66, south of Morgan

The Donner-Reed Party and later, the Mormons, set up campsites along this bend of the East Canyon Reservoir. The challenging terrain required the Mormons to make wagon repairs. Learn more on Morgan County's Self-Guided Auto Tour.

## BAUCHMANN'S PONY EXPRESS STATION

Southeast

→ Along Highway 65 toward Mormon Flat, Morgan

Find this historic marker around Big Dutch Hollow, commemorating its past. Learn more on Morgan County's Self-Guided Auto Tour.



## DIXIE HOLLOW

Southeast

→ Along Highway 65 toward Mormon Flat, Morgan

Nearby Dixie Springs and surrounded by a grove of trees, this campsite was a favored respite for emigrant groups. Learn more on Morgan County's Self-Guided Auto Tour.

## SOUTH ROUND VALLEY SCHOOL BUILDING

Northeast

→ 1925 E. Round Valley Road, Morgan

See this one-room schoolhouse on the grounds of the Round Valley Golf Course. This building, once a hub for local students starting in the 1870s, exhibits elements of Classic architecture style and holds a distinguished place on the National Register of Historic Places.

## TRAIN BRIDGE AT TAGGART'S

Northeast

Watch trains pass over this stunning combination of railway, river, tunnels, and unspoiled beauty.

## Natural

### DEVIL'S LOOKING GLASS

Northeast

→ Off the Croyden Exit #111

Glimpse this small arch off of the Croydon exit and then turn under the trestle bridge.



### DEVIL'S SLIDE

Northeast

→ I-84, Morgan

Made of Twin Creek Limestone, these unique formations took shape approximately 165 million years ago. That's 10 million years before the age of dinosaurs! Round out the Devil's Toys by visiting Devil's Looking Glass and Devil's Gate.

### DEVIL'S GATE

Northwest

→ Morgan

Spot this geological passageway right at the county line - just west of the Weber Canyon I-84 Eastbound Rest Area.

## THOUSAND MILE TREE

Northeast

→ **Croydon**

Witness railroad history. Located along the Union Pacific Railroad's Overland Route in Weber Canyon, this sturdy pine marks exactly 1,000 miles from Omaha, Nebraska, the origin point of the Transcontinental Railroad.

## Cemeteries

### CROYDON CEMETERY

Northeast

→ **1620-1762 N. 6800 East, Croydon**

Listen to the meadowlarks and admire the headstones of the remarkable lives and sacrifices of pioneers buried here. This 40-acre, active, volunteer-run cemetery serves as a place of peace for those who wish to pay their respects.

### MILTON PIONEER CEMETERY

Central

→ **181 N. Morgan Valley Drive, Morgan**

→ **801-791-6170**

Surrounded by rolling hills and valleys, visit the burial sites of early settlers and Mormon leaders dating back to the 1860s.

### RICHVILLE PIONEER CEMETERY

Southeast

→ **1925 S. Morgan Valley Drive, Morgan**

Remember Richville's early settlers. Many unmarked graves line this cemetery near Taggart Hollow.



### NORTH MORGAN CEMETERY

Central

→ **825 N. 700 East, Morgan**

→ **801-829-3461**

→ **MorganCityUT.org/Cemetery**

This small cemetery right off Morgan offers a tranquil spot for reflection.

### SOUTH MORGAN CEMETERY

Southeast

→ **355 S. State Street, Morgan**

→ **801-829-3461**

→ **MorganCityUT.org/Cemetery**

The lush, green grounds provide beautiful valley views and a spot for contemplation. The Morgan "M" trail - a steep, challenging 1.3-mile route for hikers, runners, and snowshoers - begins here, too (page 30).

# MORE FUN

## ACTION CENTER PAINTBALL

Northwest

→ 4129 Cottonwood Canyon Road, Morgan

→ 801-876-3132

→ [ActionCenterPaintball.com](http://ActionCenterPaintball.com)

Play on Utah's oldest and largest paintball field. Individuals and groups must make reservations to experience this 360° real-life scenario field. Bring your own equipment or purchase on site.

## PARKSIDE LANES FUN CENTER

Central

→ 200 E. 125 North, Morgan

→ 801-829-6012

Hang out and bowl a round or two. This bowling alley also serves up food (page 63) and is the home of S.O.S., Stuck on Sodas and Sweets. Open by reservation only.

## WILDFLOWER MINI GOLF

Central

→ In the base area between Needles Gondola and John Paul Express,  
South Ogden

→ 801-620-1000

→ [Snowbasin.com](http://Snowbasin.com)

Grab your family, friends, or both, and see who gets putt-putt bragging rights at this fun yet challenging 18-hole course at the Snowbasin Resort Base Area.





## THE MORGAN MAZE

Central

→ 560 N. Industrial Drive, Morgan

→ 801-829-1279

→ [TheMorganMaze.com](http://TheMorganMaze.com)

Experience the charm of a country corn maze. Wind your way through one, two, or all three mazes, each with a fresh design every season. Fun-seekers of all ages can slip down a giant light-up slide, climb a giant straw pyramid, or visit the pumpkin patch. Kids will love the trike track, jump pad, mini maze, and corn pits. Then, nosh on famous Mexican corn, fried scones, and hand-dipped ice cream. Daring souls can venture along the Creepy Canal, a haunted trail filled with spine-tingling surprises. The Maze opens the third weekend of September and runs for six weeks.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get the latest information and register at [ExploreMorganUtah.com/Events-Calendar](https://ExploreMorganUtah.com/Events-Calendar).

## QUADFISHATHON

January - February

Four state parks. 28 hours of fishing. Spread across four Saturdays from mid-January to mid-February with awards and prizes. It's the biggest state park ice fishing tournament in Utah! Compete at one or at all four parks.

## FRONT STREET FESTIVAL

June

Start your summer by celebrating the historic roots of the Train Depot (page 38) and Commercial Street (known locally as Front Street), which have played a pivotal role shaping the region. Enjoy live music, tasty eats, local artists, games, and a train ride for the kiddos.

## MORGAN FARMERS MARKET AT SCOTSMAN CENTER

June - November

Meet the faces behind Morgan Valley's amazing small businesses at Scotsman Center in Mountain Green. Shop for crafts, local specialty products, and gifts while enjoying music, food, and games.





### **MORGAN COUNTY CAR SHOW**

June

Bring or check out the snazziest wheels hailing from north-eastern Utah and beyond. A portion of raffle proceeds go to a charitable organization.

### **MORGAN CHAMBER ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

June

Gather a team of four and bring your A-game at Round Valley Golf Course. Each hole features fun golf-themed games and activities - more opportunities to win prizes!

### **MORGAN VALLEY MARATHON, HALF, 5K, 10K**

June

Come out for one of northern Utah's most scenic running races starting and finishing at Riverside Park. Race options range from a 5K running race to a full marathon.



### **FOURTH OF JULY RIVER REGATTA**

A competition blending engineering skill, athletic prowess, and luck, paddlers navigate their designed cardboard boats – no waterproofing materials allowed – down the Weber River.

### **FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND CELEBRATION**

Celebrate America's independence with a 5K race, veterans' flag ceremony, parade, live music, food trucks, and a cornhole tournament, all wrapped up with a fireworks show.

### **WASATCH BACK OVERLANDING EXPO**

July

Overlanding combines remote travel, off-roading, and camping. Meet vendors and fellow adventurers at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.



### **MORGAN COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO**

Late July - Early August

Delve into games and competitions. Or watch the rodeo events, goat roping, livestock auction, and horse shows.

### **EAST CANYON TRIATHLON**

August

Conquer the waters and trails at East Canyon State Park. Test your endurance with your choice of sprint (750-meter swim, 14-mile bike, 5K) or intermediate/Olympic (1500-meter swim, 25-mile bike, 10K).



### **HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS AND TREE FESTIVAL**

First Saturday of December

Kick off the holiday season with the Hometown Christmas and Tree Festival in downtown Morgan. Enjoy the Christmas Nativity Display, local performances, crafts, food, and a Christmas tree charity auction.

# MORGAN MADE: SHOPPING IN THE VALLEY

Early settlers built Morgan Valley's vibrant business district. Today, it stands as a creative space for artisans and entrepreneurs.

Discover the most up-to-date list at [ExploreMorganUtah.com/Shop](https://ExploreMorganUtah.com/Shop).

## Outdoor Gear

### D.S. GUNSMITHING

Central

→ 143 N. State Street, Morgan

→ 801-829-3030

→ [DSGuns.com](https://DSGuns.com)

Family-run gunsmith business for rifles, shotguns, and handguns. Drop off your gun for cleaning, repair, restoration, or customization.

### RED ROCK PRECISION

Central

→ 181 Commercial Street, Morgan

→ 801-425-6574

→ [RedRockPrecision.com](https://RedRockPrecision.com)

Build a customized, long-range precision rifle for your next hunt or expedition.



Commercial Street.1





### **MORGAN FISHING COMPANY**

Central

- 117 Commercial Street, Morgan
- 801-829-1437
- [MorganFishing.Square.Site](https://www.morganfishing.square.site)

Located inside Morgan Mercantile, a fishing gear retailer and outfitter.

### **THE HUB BIKE SHOP**

Central

- 434 W. 275 North, Morgan
- 801-791-1190

Bicycle cleaning and repairs in the heart of Morgan.



## **Local Goods and Gifts**

### **BINGHAM'S CUSTOM MEATS**

Central

- 371 E. 300 North, Morgan
- 801-829-3016
- [BinghamsCustomMeats.com](https://www.binghamscustommeats.com)

Artisan butcher shop specializing in local, high-quality cuts. Try the famous Bingham's Bacon Bomb, homemade brats, and retail carcass products – all ready for your grill or smoker.

### **FRONT STREET GIFTS**

Central

- 185 N. Commercial Street, Suite 2, Morgan
- 801-829-0597

Shop for curated gift items and home decor. Located inside Morgan Valley Crafts.



### HIGBEE HONEY

Central

- 653 N. 950 East, Morgan
- 385-350-3182
- [HigbeeHoney.com](http://HigbeeHoney.com)

Purchase raw, unfiltered wildflower honey harvested right from the Valley, crafted with a unique blend of nectars and pollens.

### MILK BARN CREAMERY

Central

- 185 Commercial Street, Morgan
- 801-821-6866
- [MilkBarnCreamery.com](http://MilkBarnCreamery.com)

Small family farm with ice cream, raw milk, artisan cheese, cheese curds, and dairy delights.

### MORGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Central

- 98 N Commercial Street, Morgan

A small gift shop with hats, tee shirts, local history books, post-cards, kids items, local artist signed and numbered art, railroad items, and more.

### MORGAN DRUG & GIFT

Central

- 109 N. Commercial Street, Morgan
- 801-829-3262
- [Stores.HealthMart.com/MorganDrug](http://Stores.HealthMart.com/MorganDrug)

Locally owned pharmacy and gift shop.

### MORGAN MERCANTILE

Central

- 113 Commercial Street, Morgan
- 801-829-4210

Shop products from Morgan Valley's community of crafters, creators, and artists.

### MORGAN VALLEY CRAFTS

Central

- 185 N. Commercial Street, Suite 2, Morgan
- 801-829-0608
- [MorganValleyCrafts.com](http://MorganValleyCrafts.com)

Arts and crafts store with home decor and gifts.

### MORGANITE GEMS

Central

- 151 N. State Street, Suite A, Morgan
- 801-829-1017
- [Shop.MorganiteGems.com](http://Shop.MorganiteGems.com)

Retreat into this local rock shop to find crystals, jewelry, energy tools, and aromatherapy tools. Offers Tarot reading classes.

# CONTINUING YOUR EXPLORATION



## The Morgan Menu

From breakfast to nightcaps to every bite in between, find great places to eat.

Head to [ExploreMorganUtah.com/Eat](https://ExploreMorganUtah.com/Eat) or scan the QR code with your smartphone.



## Sweet Dreams Ahead: Staying in the Valley

Cozy up and nod off in one of our accommodations. From cabins and condos to hotels and lodges to tent camping, RV sites, and one-of-a-kind lodging experiences, you'll be sure to find something worth dreaming about.

Visit [ExploreMorganUtah.com/Stay](https://ExploreMorganUtah.com/Stay) or scan the QR code with your smartphone.



## Trip Essentials

Locate gas stations, convenience stores, gyms, along with where to shop for personal care and household items.

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