



DAY TRIP TO JARBIDGE

From Twin Falls · Elko County, Nevada



GOLD MINING



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LIVING TOWN

Unincorporated community of 19 year-round residents, per Travel Nevada. Summer and fall are the visiting season.

Jarbidge is a long day from Twin Falls and a better overnight. Summer and fall are the best months. The town has a saloon, an inn with a bar and restaurant, and few other services.

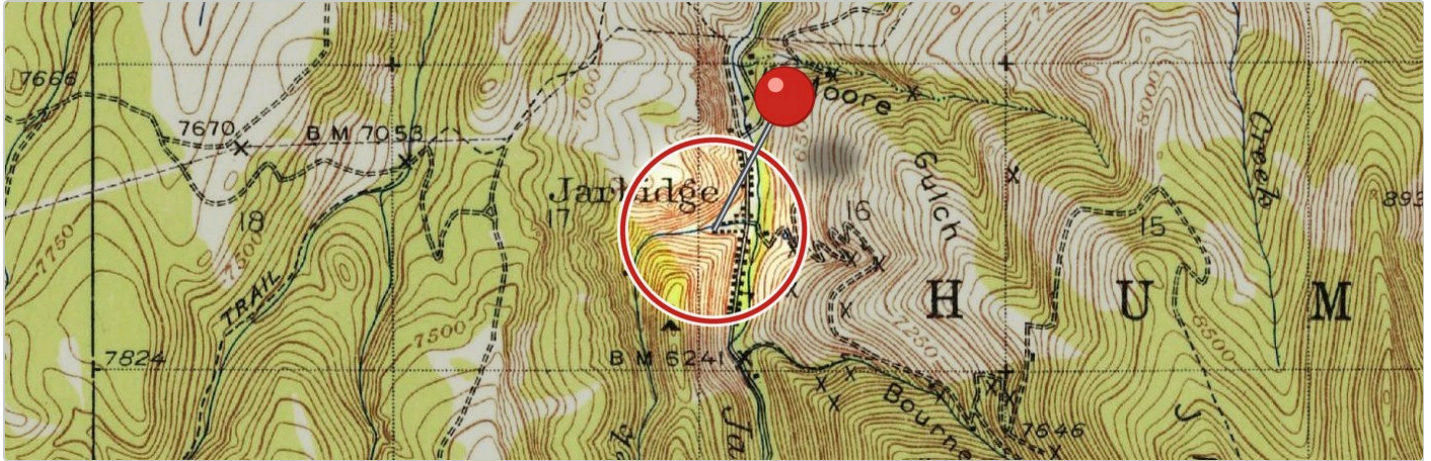
A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ Early morning | Leave Twin Falls on US 93 south, then turn east onto Three Creek Road. |
| ☐ Late morning | Drop into the canyon on North Fork Charleston Road and arrive in Jarbidge. |
| ☐ Midday | See the old jail and the community hall, and read the markers. The hall opens for events or by appointment. |
| ☐ Afternoon | Lunch in town, then start back while there's daylight. |

Coming from Elko? The route via Deeth crosses the mountains on county roads that get no winter maintenance. Go only in the snow-free months.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **Main street.** Shoot along the road with the canyon walls rising behind, as in the photo at the top of this page.
- **The jail.** Small and squat beside the trading post. It once held Ben Kuhl.
- **The canyon.** From the slopes toward Jarbidge Peak you can look down the river canyon, as in the photo under the overview.
- **Drones.** We found no local rule. Check with the ranger district before flying over national forest land.



USGS topographic map, 1943 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	93 mi, about 3 h 15 min each way from downtown Twin Falls, Idaho. From Elko: 104 mi, about 3 h 29 min.
SEASON	Summer and fall. Three Creek Road from Idaho is usually open all year; the Elko-side roads are often snowbound from October or November to June or July.
COMMUNITY HALL	The town's unofficial museum. Free; donations welcome. Open for events such as Jarbidge Days, the Wine Walk and the Fourth of July, otherwise by appointment with the Jarbidge Community Association.
SERVICES	The Jarbidge Community Association lists the Outdoor Inn (rooms, bar and restaurant), the Red Dog Saloon, a trading post, a motel, an RV park and a gas station. It gives no hours, so call ahead.
CAMPING	The Forest Service's Pine Creek Campground, about 4 miles south of town, has five sites, no fee and a June to October season.
CONTACT	Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Mountain City-Ruby Mountains-Jarbidge Ranger District, Elko office, 775-738-5171.
WEBSITE	visitjarbidge.org

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 41.87444, -115.43194 • 41°52'28"N
115°25'55"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/nevada/jarbidge/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.