1. **Lake Mead National Recreational Area**
   Become a Junior Ranger! Kayak down the Black Canyon Water Trail. Hike the Historic Railroad Trail, ride your bike, and enjoy a picnic. Spend the night camping.

2. **Great Basin National Park**
   Hike out to Osceola Ditch and check Peak Overlook for views of Wheeler Park and a glacier. Explore Lehman Caves and search for the pseduoscorpion, a rare bug!

3. **Death Valley National Park**
   Check out Badwater Basin, the lowest point in North America. Stop by the Furnace Creek Visitor Center to learn about the local environment then go to Zabriskie Point for a great view. Look for bobcats and see the Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes.

4. **Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park**
   Hike the Sand Point Nature Trail and view the Memorial Point Overlook. Fish in Spooner Lake and enjoy a picnic. Play on the beach and go swimming. End the day by the campfire.

5. **Valley of Fire State Park**
   Learn about the area’s natural history at the Visitor Center then take the Natural Arches Trail. Look out at Rainbow Vista and check out the petroglyphs carved into Atlatl Rock! Camp overnight.

6. **Cathedral Gorge State Park**
   Check out the Visitor Center to learn about regional wildlife. Go biking or hike the half-mile trail to the caves and look off the Miller Point Overlook.

7. **Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park**
   Check out the Ichyosaur fossils found here that are the largest in the world! Tour the Diana Mine and visit Union, the local ghost town.

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**Fact Bites!**

- Nevada is the driest state in the country with an average rainfall of only 7 inches.
- The state currently mines 79% of gold in the United States. While tourism is Nevada’s largest source of income, the state is still the fourth largest producer of gold in the world.
- The name derives from the Spanish word nevada which means “snow-covered” and references the Sierra Nevada or “snow-covered mountain range”.

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