



## **Historic Park City Facts and Figures**

### **Location**

The Historic District is a thriving business and residential district in Park City, Utah. The top of Main Street sits at 6900-feet and spans 9 blocks. It is conveniently accessible from Interstate 80, a six-lane freeway that connects Park City to Salt Lake City. Because the Historic District is located only 35 miles from a major metropolitan city and airport, Park City is a frequent destination for local and out-of-state visitors.

### **Parking**

Park City's Historic District offers three free parking structures, a handful of private garages and plenty of on-street metered parking spots for personal vehicles. 75% of the more than 1,300 public parking spots available in the Historic District are free.

### **Transportation**

Park City Municipal Corporation provides free, city-wide public transportation, seven days a week, with many routes connecting to the Old Town Transit Center. The Transit Center is a convenient gateway to the Historic District, located just one block from Main Street. Bus schedules vary by season. Transit stops are clearly marked with blue signs and a bus image.

A free trolley stops along Main Street at frequent intervals between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily.

### **Walking and Biking**

Because many outdoor adventures start or end in the Historic District, the area is extremely accessible for pedestrians and bikers. A number of single-track trails and paved walkways provide access to and from Main Street that stretch for dozens of miles. New bike racks were recently installed throughout Main Street to encourage bicycle traffic.

In the winter, visitors can ski or snowboard directly onto Main Street from Park City Mountain Resort's Town Lift trails.

### **Information Centers**

The official Park City Visitors Bureau and Information Center is located at 528 Main Street inside the newly renovated Park City Museum. Visitors may inquire about local attractions, directions and recommendations for amenities located in Park City. The Historic District is also marked with historic plaques or informative signs that explain the significance of various landmarks and noteworthy buildings.

### **Walking Tours**

Walking tours are an educational and exciting way to explore Park City's past, and a number of themed tours are open to the public. Historic walking tours operate Monday through Friday during the summer, weather permitting, and depart from the Park City Museum at 2 p.m. Park City Ghost Tours, ranked as the nation's second best ghost tour in the country by *TripAdvisor*, are offered daily at 8p.m. and depart from Miner's Park.

## **Photo Opportunities**

Park City's Historic District has long attracted visitors because of its charming and celebrated personality and offers a beautiful backdrop for memorable photos. Some of the Historic District's notable photo opportunities include the Franz the Bear, a bronze sculpture perched on a Main Street bench; decorated moose statues from Park City's successful Moose on the Loose charity event; the Egyptian Theater Company, a historic venue and current Sundance Film Festival screening room; and a spray painted Banksy street-art image that appeared during the 2010 Sundance Film Festival.

## **History**

Park City's history is rich in silver mining. Discovered by soldiers who began panning for silver in 1868, with the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1870, Park City attracted hopeful miners from across the world. Park City was incorporated in 1884 and grew to 7,500 by 1898 – a number not far from today's current full-time residency. In that same year, a fire destroyed three-quarters of the town, requiring the locals to rally together and rebuild the town, which took one and a half years. The buildings, reconstructed from brick and stone to withstand fires, still exist today and contribute to the Historic District's original Western lore.

In the 1930s, the idea of skiing had caught on, and in 1946, the first ski lift was built at Snow Park (now Deer Valley Resort). A period of major economic downturn struck shortly after, turning Park City into a ghost town. As a result, the town qualified for a federal loan, which helped launch Park City into a new direction and began construction on a new ski area called Treasure Mountain (now Park City Mountain Resort) in 1963. Within a few short years, the new ski area was praised by *Sports Illustrated* launching Park City's entrance into the ski industry.

Park City continues to see success and fame as a world-class ski town, but the community has also embraced artistic and cultural interests; the town is proud to host the West's

longest-running art festival every August, and the Sundance Film Festival has held its roots in Park City since its debut in 1981.

### **Dining and Nightlife**

More than 50 restaurants and 20 bars/clubs line Main Street and Park Avenue, with dozens of regional and ethnic cuisines to choose from. Park City restaurants and chefs are frequent recipients of awards and recognitions for their excellence in culinary skill.

Bars and clubs close at 1:30 a.m., but that still leaves plenty of time to explore some of Park City's hottest nightlife. Mixologists and brew pubs are known to serve up award-winning libations, while bars and dance clubs often attract world-famous musicians and DJs. The Sundance Film Festival brings headliner acts to the Historic District's music venues every night during the festival.

One of Park City's three liquor stores is located on Swede Alley, just one block from Main Street. Restaurant patrons may bring their own bottle of wine, provided it was purchased at a Utah liquor store, for a small corkage fee.

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### **About Historic Park City: The Main Attraction:**

With a thriving business district that boasts more than 250 shops, lodges, restaurants, resort and cultural activities, art galleries and signature events, it's no doubt that Historic Park City is "The Main Attraction." The Historic Park City Alliance (HPCA) is dedicated to promoting Park City's Main Street and surrounding area as a viable, vital and dynamic place to live, work and play while also encouraging business development and enhancing activities that benefit the district.

Nestled in the valley bordered by Deer Valley Resort on one side and ski in, ski out access to Park City Mountain Resort on the other, it is the heart and soul of our mountain town and the epicenter of all that is fun and spontaneous. Historic Park City serves as the backdrop to Park City's annual marquee events

including the Sundance Film Festival, Park City Arts Festival, Park City Food & Wine Classic and Savor the Summit. Favorite locals' activities on Main Street include the Park Silly Sunday Market and Friday Night Gallery Stroll.

