

THE BEAR RIVER HERITAGE AREA NEWSLETTER



Two historic wagons in Tremonton, Utah

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Wagon Land Adventure

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Just outside of Tremonton, Utah, lies a hidden gem. Wagon Land Adventure has the largest and most unique collection of horse-drawn vehicles in North America and offers free tours by appointment. They have over 300 historic wagons from all over the globe that have been lovingly restored by the owner Eli Anderson.



The inside of Eli's warehouse that is filled with historic wagons.

Eli has been fascinated by the history of the West ever since he was a child. When visiting Pioneer Village in Lagoon amusement park with his second grade class, Eli was enchanted with the historic items on display. It became his dream to preserve and showcase items from early pioneer life. One of his main items of focus became horse-drawn modes of transportation.

Upcoming Events

Nibley Heritage Days

June 19-20
At Elkhorn Park in Nibley,
Utah

Utah Ukulele Festival

August 1
at Willow Park in Logan, Utah

Silversmith Workshop

September 5-7
in Evanston, Wyoming

Have a photo or event
to submit?

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Wagon Land Adventure Continued

A wagon under construction in Eli's workshop.

The wagons come from all over the United States and the world. One of Eli's recent acquisitions is a Bill Wright Vardo Gypsy Wagon from England; Bill Wright wagons are renowned for their rarity and workmanship. He also has local wagons like a beet wagon from Garland, Utah. Next to the warehouse of wagons is Eli's workshop where he uses traditional methods to restore old and damaged horse-drawn vehicles. The wagons have been used in movies, parades, and wagon treks. He also organized a wagon train enactment in 1996 that traveled from Logan to Cedar City.

The eventual plan for Wagon Land Adventure is to house the collection in a permanent museum in Tremonton. To achieve this goal, the Bear River Heritage Area is helping to put together a planning committee; this committee will focus on spreading awareness and raising funds. If you are interested in participating in the committee or supporting the museum, please reach out to Emma George at emmag@brag.utah.gov.

Wagon Land Adventure is free for visitors, but you do need to make an appointment. Call Eli at 435-279-6422 to set up a tour. There is also a digital exhibit on their website. You can visit www.wagonland1996.wixsite.com/mysite for more information.

Places to Visit: The Niter Ice Cave



Just outside Grace, Idaho, is the Niter Ice Cave. Formed around 500,000 years ago, this cave is a result of lava flows. Early settlers would use the cave for refrigeration. The cave has some graffiti but is great for exploring!



Reminders

The next Board Meeting will be on June 22, 2026 at 10:00 am.

We are looking for volunteers for the Utah Ukulele Festival. Please reach out to Emma if you are interested.

