

Surrounded by spectacular scenery, Beatty is the closest community to Death Valley National Park and serves as the Nevada gateway to the popular attraction, just a few minutes' drive away. But the town itself offers many attractions as well, starting at the Beatty Museum, which showcases memorabilia from the Bullfrog Mining District's remarkable past.

Beatty offers breath taking views of desert plant and wildlife, and is a good base for exploring the wonders of the high desert. A clash of old and new meets in the quiet desert town.

Nevada Route 374 leads to the historic ghost town of Rhyolite and over Daylight Pass - or take the unforgettable road through Titus Canyon (4 wheel drive recommended) into Death Valley. Rhyolite, the Queen of the Desert lies only 4 miles from Beatty. Information on these sites are available at the Beatty Museum.

The Beatty area is ideal for hikers, four-wheelers and lovers of desert adventure. Rock hunting and burro-watching are just two of the activities both locals and visitors enjoy.

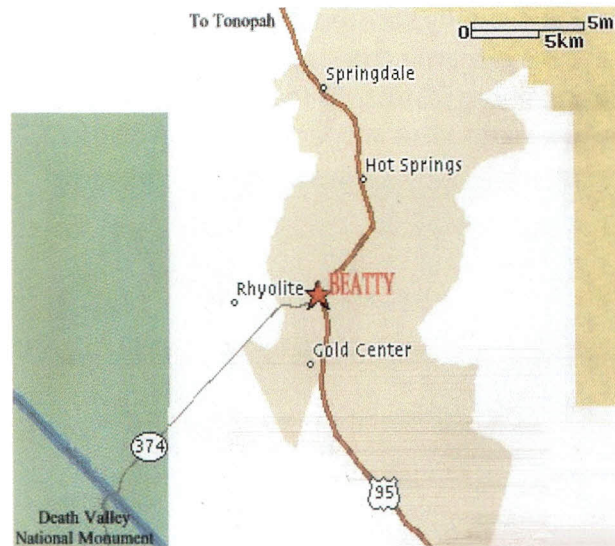
Be sure to visit the museum, and learn about the Bullfrog Mining District and what it offers visitors today. An enjoyable time awaits you in the last surviving town of the Bullfrog Mining District.

Beatty Museum is a 501(c)3 corporation
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Mission Statement

It is the intention of the Beatty Museum and Historical Society to preserve the history of the Bullfrog Mining District and Southern Nye County. A research center is currently being organized for historians, students, and the general public. Visit the museum while in the Beatty area and learn about the mining boom of the 1900's and how it impacts our lives today.

Beatty is located 6 miles from the Nevada/California border, 115 miles north of Las Vegas. You will find Beatty nestled in a small valley, surrounded by three peaks; Bare Mountain, Sawtooth Mountain, and the Bullfrog Hills. We hope that you will enjoy our clean fresh air, friendly people, spectacular scenery and our great quality of life.



BEATTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Beatty Nevada is the east gateway to Death Valley National Monument. The Beatty Museum offers a look into the past of the Bullfrog Mining district, the last real gold boom in the West. Dedicated to the preservation of history, A volunteer is always on hand to welcome you and guide you through the history of Beatty and the surrounding area.

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Shorty Harris and Ed Cross found Gold just outside of Death Valley, CA. in August of 1904. Because of this discovery, several small mining towns developed in the area. Beatty billed itself as the most prosperous camp in the Bullfrog Mining District.

Sitting on top of the Amargosa Underground River and with several natural springs it became a prime location to build a town and supply center. Bob Montgomery, founder of the Montgomery Shoshone Mine purchased several springs and most of the property of the Beatty Ranch to build his town.

Beatty quickly became a capitol of the Bullfrog Mining District. Beatty was recognized in the Saturday Evening Post as "the newest and greatest mining country in Nevada."

Montillius Beatty, owner of the Beatty Ranch became the first postmaster in Beatty. Married to a Piute woman, he was one of the only white men in the area prior to the finding of gold in this area.

Beatty eventually secured three railroads into town and became the supply mecca of the Bullfrog Mining District. At the Bullfrog's height, over 100 mines were in operation in the district.



After living for years in the shadow of its larger neighbor, Rhyolite, Beatty came into its own by the 1930's and is now the only surviving town of the original Bullfrog Mining District.

Beatty today is important as a gateway to Death Valley, and as the first community of size north of Las Vegas.

The Museum

Several ladies that had been raised in Beatty, played in Rhyolite, and had roamed the hills of the Bullfrog Mining District, realized that a very important part of history was being lost. Over coffee at a local restaurant, they put together the Beatty Museum and Historical Society. Talking all their friends into becoming members they opened their first museum in a small cottage in 1995. They soon outgrew the little cottage through the generosity of the residents of Beatty. It seemed like memories were being brought in from everywhere. It soon became apparent that they needed a larger building, and leased the old water building across the street. That worked well for another 5 years. Again they outgrew the building. Purchasing the building they are currently in, and revamping what needed to be revamped, The Museum is now open on Main Street in a wonderful Historical Church. The Museum has expanded the original building making room for a larger collection and a research room. The Society is a private non profit organization with approximately 200 members in the United States and Europe.