

See how you can reserve by credit card and save at the restaurant below:

### **Packages**

- 1. IT'S THE ECONOMY Special** - one person: room with a double bed, continental breakfast and dinner \$59 (+taxes), next person in the same room add \$19(plus taxes), additional fee for rooms with 2 dbl beds or efficiencies
- 2. BAKER FOOD STAMPS (Scrip)** 15% Savings on pre-paid increments for all products and services except rooms at the resort - the restaurant (all food and beverages including Espresso & bar), groceries, deli, bakery, arts, antiques, & crafts at the Gallery, sports equipment rentals, and guided tours. **Increments of \$25, \$50, & \$100+ (pay \$21.25 for \$25, pay \$42.50 for \$50, pay \$85 for \$100). Full amount must be used – If there is an unused portion you may use it in the future or pass to a friend to use! You will receive a full refund on scrip if the room reservation is cancelled for any reason.**

**Sales tax, & tips are extra. Tips are paid separately and, as a courtesy to the wait staff, are paid on the full amount of the check.**

Rooms 1, 2, 5, 7, each with a double bed and room 6 with 2 twin beds, \$55 for 1, \$59 for 2

Rm 4: 2 dbl beds, \$69

Rm 3: 2 dbl beds and a twin bed in an attached room \$79

Efficiencies 1, 2, 3: each with 1 queen bed & a kitchenette \$69 for one person, \$75 for two persons (with micro, frig, toaster, coffee maker).

All rooms have private baths. See room and food packages below. We have 5 RV spaces with full power, water, and waste disposal for \$22/night.

***All rooms and the restaurant, patios, and the private gardens are non-smoking.*** Pet friendly.

**CANCELLATION & PAYMENT POLICIES:** We require the first night paid for each room reserved. When you purchase a package, the entire package is paid for at the time of the reservation. 2 weeks cancellation notice for reservations made 30 days out. Full payment for reservations made within 2 weeks. Holidays also require 2 weeks cancellation notice regardless when reservation is made. Otherwise 48 hours. **You will receive a full refund on script or the food portion of a package if the room reservation is cancelled for any reason.**

**You may pay by credit card thru email as noted below, or call and leave your information. Also, let me know if you would like a savings package and which denomination when you reply. Note that the sirloin steak and wild salmon dinner items have an \$8 surcharge if you choose a package.**

## Reserve by Email with Credit Card

You may reserve by credit card (MC, V, or AmEx) in an email. Please use REPLY to this email to preserve the dates of your request. Or leave your info at 775-234-7323.

Write the **first three set of digits in one email**, and the **last four digits** AND the **expiration date** in a second email. Or call and leave your CC info on my private phone line (775-234-7323)

Example      Email 1 - 4444 5555 6666                      Email 2 – 7777, 06/11  
**Am Ex has a different set of digits but separate then in 2 emails.**

**A few of the many Customer and Critics' Comments about us:**

**Sept 24 (person making a reservation)** We had to come again and bring our married kids as the restaurant was a great change from anything in the area.

**Sept 19, 2008** Your Granola was so good I had to buy 2 more bags for the road.

**Sept 15, 2008** Thanks again for offering up a patch of grass with dinner. The climb up to the lower campground was really rough after a hard day from Ely. Had it been movie night I was soo there. **I'm going to miss those hiker biker bars!!**

**Sept 10** Ted (a local who doesn't get out much ;-)) Best pizza I have ever had!

**Sept 3, 2008** We had a great trip to your part of the world. Of course the park is glorious. We liked your funky little motel... and we like your restaurant, like an oasis in the desert. Thank you for your warm hospitality.... Sandi

**August 17, 2008 – (European)** This is the best pizza we have ever had here in the US!

**July 14, 2008** Hello. My husband and I visited your inn and cafe' a couple of years ago and have never forgotten you. We would like your package with dinner and breakfast for each room. (We remember what an outstanding chef you are!!)

**July 8, 2008** I would like to reserve one of the courtyard rooms for the nights of September 15th and 16th. There are two of us and this will be our third visit. We love your establishment.

**June, 2008 Baker, NV – While cycling across the country:** Terry let us camp in back as long as we ate there. It wasn't a hard sell since the food was fantastic! His granola and brownies are not to be missed.

**April, 2008** I just got done processing my film on Sunday. I'll send some photos your way this weekend. Thanks again for the great conversation and accommodations! PAUL

**April, 2008!** Baker's water was named the grand prize winner for drinking water in a "taste off" by the Nevada Rural Water Association at the Annual Training and Technical Conference. The town's water was judged on clarity, bouquet and taste.

David Toll, **Nevada Travel Network**, <http://www.nevadatravel.net/travelgram/05-11.html>: "A year ago, when Bill and Kathy Rountree sold the Silver Jack Motel (now The Silver Jack Inn) in Baker, I wondered if its ineffable charm would survive. New owner **Terry Marasco** has laid any qualms to rest. He has transformed the former gift shop — originally the town's General Store — into a bright and friendly dining room, serving espresso, French toast and omelets in the morning and an eclectic menu throughout the day: "Like Life, Our Menu Changes Daily". The bar is stocked with the finest American-made wine and beer — yes, he has **Ruby Mountain Amber Ale and Heffeweizen**".

Annie Wells, Reporter, **Los Angeles Times (July, 2006)**: "Terry Marasco is one of the 52 people who live in Baker... He bought the Silver Jack in December of 2004 then moved here from San Francisco. " his Lectrolux gallery and café **is not to be missed.**"

**Rob & Gary 9.15.07** Spending the night at the Silver Jack Inn was the highlight of our Diversity Days weekend. The room was very clean and comfortable, and the food was great. Thank you so much for lending me a pair of your socks for the hike, which was a beautiful way to spend a few hours. Thanks for your hospitality,

**Joyce 9.08.07** Dear Terry - Thank you so much for the delightful stay at your inn. We enjoyed the garden, the birds, the doggie, and even the skunk. The food was delightful; unfortunate that we are getting too old to devour great quantities, as we would have loved to sample each item.

**July 31: Inn guest-“You have the best pizza in Nevada!”**

**July 11, 2007** I stayed in your RV Park just over a year ago while we were travelling around the USA . We had an excellent evening meal and another great meal in the morning in your café. I wondered if you would be prepared to send a portion of your home made Granola to the UK as it was the best Granola I have had. If you are prepared to do this let me know how much it will be including postage and packing. Regards Damian P

**Bob & Sheleagh:** “This is from Bob and Shelagh, two bicyclists who stayed in the Hideaway Cottage during bad weather in Apr - and ate most of our meals at your marvelous place. Just saw your ad in ACA magazine. I have been telling everyone about Baker, and now I have the ad to make it easier. We love your place - it was such a treat, after traveling all through Utah, to find such wonderful food and WINE!!!!

Spring 09 Hiking Packages  
Hiking Tour Package for Fall, 2007  
Three of the Best Outings In East Central Nevada & West Central Utah  
From the Silver Jack Inn, POB 69, Baker, NV 775.234.7323 tmarasco@sbcglobal.net www.silverjackinn.com



**Photo: “What I Saw That Morning” Notch Peak, Utah ~ The Great Basin Series by Terry Marasco**

**Join us for a hiking adventure at three of the best places in the Great Basin’s Snake Valley.** These three places (one a walk-Crystal Peak, the second more rigorous-The Moriah Table, the third quite rigorous-Notch Peak – you’ll be sitting on the peak in the photo above peering down a 3,300’ sheer wall) are representative of some 25 grand places to see out of the Silver Jack Inn in Baker, Nevada. Great Basin geology, flora and fauna (described in the Guide), provide grand landscapes, mountains, and various plant terrains from valley floors at about 5,000’ to higher mountain peaks at 10,000 to 13,000’. An interesting feature of our landscape is the lack of forests on the valley floors so you can see for miles without obstruction, as if you were at sea. Fall is one of the best seasons here: rich fall colors, cool days and nights, incredibly clear skies for stargazing.

This is photo country: what has moved me as a fine art nature photographer is the palate of colors in these landscapes. Subdued hues generated by dry landscapes where the soils and rocks are extensively exposed where only intermittent plant life dots the exposed geology. Add the cleanest air in the country (the starriest skies) with extremely low humidity and you have beauty magnified by the light in this unique environment.

**Guided Tours from the Silver Jack** - 3 nights, 4 days packages include all food (nine meals/person excluding alcoholic beverages & espresso drinks), the guidebook, a room, room and food taxes, guides, tips, an opening lecture and individual and group photos. The Guide is mailed at the time you make the reservation or purchase the Guide for \$19.50 before you reserve (applied if you reserve):

<b>\$525 (1 person in one room with 1 double bed)</b>	<b>\$250 deposit required</b>
<b>\$875 (2 persons in one room with 1 double bed)</b>	<b>\$400 deposit required</b>
<b>\$1,350 (4 persons in one room with 2 double beds).</b>	<b>\$700 deposit required</b>

**Two week cancellation notice for a deposit refund.** Full refund if we cancel due to weather conditions. If you book through a travel agent there is a 5-10% surcharge. Dates **Available: 2007 - September. 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, and Thanksgiving weekend Nov 22**, all (Thursday-Sunday). And **2008, April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 28, and June 25.** Minimum number of persons 4, mix or match the same party. Snowshoes provided (if needed). Waiver of liability required.

Some Things to Do around Baker, NV

**Best hikes** from the Silver Jack Inn and Snake Valley area: The Mount Moriah Table, Notch Peak, Crystal Peak. A comprehensive guide to these hikes published by the Silver Jack owner Terry Marasco is available for \$19.50.

## Other activities in Our Area:

1. Visit the Bristlecone Pines. Bristlecone pines (*Pinus longaeva*) can grow more than 4,000 years, and they survive best when only part of the tree is alive to conserve resources. The easiest accessible bristlecone pine grove in the area is found on the bristlecone trail (2.6 miles round trip) in Great Basin National Park

The oldest bristlecone in the world, Prometheus, was once found here, but was cut down by a researcher in the 1960s. Most bristlecone groves are found on limestone rock, but this one is on quartzite, which is falling from the surrounding high mountains. The cold winds that blow off the remnant glacier (located at the end of the same trail), help provide the intense environmental conditions in which the bristlecones excel.

Alternatives: The bristlecones on Mt. Moriah's Table (Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest)

Spectacular, stretching out across the high elevation plateau. Accessible via 4WD from the west side and a short hike, or a longer hike from the east side. Another notable bristlecone grove is the one found near Mt. Washington, also in Great Basin National Park.

Accessed via the west side of the Snake Range in 4WD vehicle or on foot, some of these bristlecones were burned in a 1999 fire, lending an even eerier cast to the scene. When the snow hits the ground and the higher elevations are not easily reached, a young bristlecone pine is growing in the parking lot at the Lehman Caves Visitor Center.

2. Venture Underground. The Great Basin is not widely known for its caves, but this area has an interesting array: horizontal and vertical, wet and dry, plain and well-decorated. In this last category falls Lehman Caves (<http://www.nps.gov/grba/lehmancaves.htm>), through which you can take a National Park Service guided tour for 30, 60, or 90 minutes. Open year-round and a pleasant 50 degrees Fahrenheit, the cave is famous for its numerous cave shields, bulbous stalactites, and other speleothems.

Alternatives: Crystal Ball Cave ([http://desertislands.org/crystal\\_ball.htm](http://desertislands.org/crystal_ball.htm)), located 30 miles to the north, also is open for tours (by reservation only; contact Jerald and Marlene Bates at (435) 693-3145. More primitive than Lehman Caves, bring a flashlight and good walking shoes to traverse the natural cave floor. When you are in Crystal Ball Cave, you feel like you are in the middle of a geode, with sparkling nailhead and dogtooth spar coating nearly every surface. These crystals formed when supersaturated calcite water sat in the cave for a long period. Paleontological excavations (<http://www.usd.edu/~theaton/greatbas/cbcave.html>) have revealed a vast number of animals in the cave that no longer occur in the area such as camels, short-faced skunks, sabre-toothed cats, large-headed llamas, and more. They frequented the area during wetter periods, when Lake Bonneville filled the adjacent valley. A great side-trip after your cave tour is a soak in nearby Gandy Warm Springs. Coming out of the same mountain that Crystal Ball Cave is located in, the 82-degree water is just the right temperature for cooling off on a hot summer day.

3. Visit the Baker Archeological Site. The Fremont Indians created a village, sometimes referred to as the Baker Village (<http://www.greatbasinheritage.org/archeologicalsite.htm>), about 700 years ago. Located about two miles from the present-day town of Baker, they farmed what used to be a wetter area. Over 15 buildings were constructed in an unexplained complex design, and were uncovered during 1991-1994 archeological excavations. An interpretive sign and self-guided trail are available, along with periodic guided tours offered by Bureau of Land Management volunteers.

Alternative: The Fremonts (and other Native Americans like the Shoshones) went up to higher elevations to hunt and collect pine nuts. One record of their presence is at Upper Pictograph Cave near Baker Creek. Most of the pictographs are on the outside of the cave; to enter the cave you need to get a permit. During the fall you can collect the tasty pine nuts (<http://www.nps.gov/grba/Plan/pinyon.htm>).

4. Listen for Bugling Elk. During the fall rutting season, you may hear the loud bugles of elk in Strawberry, Weaver, or Snake Creeks as they battle for the right to mate. A lot more wildlife abounds, too. The list of charismatic fauna includes: Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep (found usually near Mt. Moriah's Table, Old Man's Canyon, and Mt. Washington), pronghorn antelope (on the benches (area between valley bottom and trees of the mountains)), yellow-bellied marmots (along Baker Creek road), mule deer, mountain lions,

bobcats, coyotes, kit fox, red fox, gray fox, rattlesnakes, horned lizards, and Bonneville cutthroat trout (in many streams of both the North and South Snake Ranges).

Alternatives: The birdwatching in and around Baker is better than you might expect for the middle of the desert. Two Important Bird Areas have been designated, Great Basin National Park, and the David E. Moore Wildlife Sanctuary (<http://www.nevadaaudubon.org/Iba/Moore%20IBA.htm>). Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge is a mecca for birders (<http://fishsprings.fws.gov/>). Pruess Lake south of Garrison, Utah is also a good spot to see some waterbirds (<http://www.greatbasinheritage.org/garrison.htm>).

5. Compete in the Annual Turkey Shoot. Experience a bit of local culture by participating in the Turkey Shoot fundraiser for the local ambulance department. Held on a Saturday in November, many categories (short and long distance, different types of fire arms, more) are held. It's a minimum fee to enter, and the winner of each contest wins a turkey.

Alternatives: Every Labor Day weekend, the Snake Valley Volunteer Fire Department sponsors a picnic and dance (<http://www.greatbasinpark.com/events.htm>) with the help of the Border Inn. Many past residents return for Snake Valley Days. On Fourth of July, the nearby community of Eskdale holds an impressive musical program followed by a fireworks show that equals many of towns that have 50 times the population. Announcements of upcoming events are posted on the bulletin board at the post office.

6. Ride the Train. The Northern Nevada Railway (<http://www.nevadanorthernrailway.com/>) made mining profitable in and around Ely, Nevada. Lovingly preserved, the railway still operates, with steam and diesel engines providing trips year round. An extensive railroad museum is operated in Ely.

Alternative: Cars have replaced railroads in importance, and the long, lonely highways in Nevada provide thrilling opportunities for speed. Two races are held on Highway 318 south of Ely every year, one in May and one in September. Before the race

(<http://www.silverstateclassic.com/318-hwy-event-description.htm>),

cars line the park in downtown Ely for everyone to admire.

7. Hike Wheeler Peak. The second highest peak in the state, Wheeler Peak, is located just outside of Baker (<http://www.summitpost.org/mountain/rock/150191/wheeler-peak.html>). Rising to 13,063 feet, the peak is accessible from a fairly good trail that begins near the end of the Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive. The trail gains about 3,000 feet in four miles and takes 3-5 hours to ascend.

Alternatives: Mt. Moriah at 12,067 is the highest peak on the north Snake Range. From the east it is a challenging hike accessible from one of the many canyons. From the west you can drive a 4WD road up to about 10,500 feet, making the hike doable in a morning or afternoon. Over seven other named peaks rise more than 11,000 feet in the Snake Range. For those wanting a shorter hike, the alpine lakes loop trail is a pleasant two-hour stroll in Great Basin National Park, or try one of the many other trails (<http://www.nps.gov/grba/Plan/hiking.htm>).

8. Visit a Ghost Town. The nickname for Nevada is the Silver State, due to the copious amounts of mining that occurred all over the state. One of the better-preserved ghost towns in the area is Osceola (<http://www.greatbasinheritage.org/osceola.htm>),

located about 15 miles west of Baker and reached by marked turnoffs on Highway 6/50. Gold was found in Osceola in 1872, but it reached its heyday when placer mining developed. Due to a lack of water, ditches were built on both sides of the Snake Range to divert water from several creeks to Osceola. With a population of more than 500 in the mid-1880s, the town boasted a "ride-in" saloon (among several saloons), the first telephone in Nevada, and one of the first electrical systems. Nevertheless, the gold petered out, the water proved to be insufficient, and fires demolished parts of town. Today a few collapsing structures and foundations remain, along with a cemetery. More recent mining activity is found on the west side. One other nugget of information: the largest gold nugget found in the state of Nevada came from Osceola.

Alternatives: Many other mining towns and districts came and went in the Snake Valley area. One that still has a few people living in it is Goldhill (<http://www.onlineutah.com/deepcreekhistory.shtml>), located a scenic two-hour drive north of Baker. As you might guess, gold was found here, along with an array of other minerals, and transported out via the Deep Creek railroad. On the way to Goldhill, you will cross the historic Pony Express Trail (<http://www.nps.gov/poex>), which linked Missouri to California. The short-lived venture, which carried mail 1,500 miles in only 10 days, was amazing in the coordination and infrastructure that it required. The ride is recreated every June near the time of the full moon.

9. Mountain Bike or Explore with an OHV. The lower mountains in the area provide great locations for exploring via mountain bike or off-highway vehicles (OHV). One location is the Sacramento Pass Recreation Area, with about 35 miles of roads leading to Osceola, Weaver Creek, and Black Horse.

([http://gorp.away.com/gorp/resource/us\\_national\\_park/nv/bik\\_gb.htm](http://gorp.away.com/gorp/resource/us_national_park/nv/bik_gb.htm)).

Designated OHV trails in the Burbank Hills (98 miles) and around Conger Mountain (127 miles) are marked and traverse an often-overlooked part of Snake Valley. Many of the roads are also suitable for high clearance vehicles. Maps can be downloaded

(<http://www.stateparks.utah.gov/ohv/odm.htm>) or requested from the Delta Chamber of Commerce.

Alternative: Hike, bike, or ride a horse on part of the 6,800-mile long American Discovery Trail (<http://www.discoverytrail.org/>), the only coast-to-coast non-motorized recreation trail. The trail follows a combination of roads and trails, entering the area next to Crystal Peak, crossing the Ferguson Desert to Garrison, ambling up the highway to Baker, then out along Highway 6 & 50 to Weaver Creek and Osceola and into Spring Valley. It was first completed in its entirety in 2005 (<http://www.trailjournals.com/entry.cfm?id=115499>).

10. Find Fossils and Gemstones. One of the best things about the Great Basin is that there aren't many trees in the way of the ground. The geology is varied, and a large number of fossils (<http://www.mines.utah.edu/geo/utahfossil/>) and gemstones can be found within a couple hours' drive. Some of the best known places are Fossil Mountain (Trilobites), Topaz Mountain (Topaz), Antelope Springs (trilobites), Crystal Peak (White Quartz), Sunstone Knoll (Sunstones), Painter Springs (Garnets, Pyrite, Muscovite, Quartz), Conger Springs (Crinoids, brachiopods), Black Rock (Black Obsidian), Drum Mountains (Agate), Indian Pass (brachiopods, horned coral), Skull Rock Pass (graptolites, trilobites, brachiopods, echinoderms)

([http://www.utah.com/hike/rock\\_hounding.htm](http://www.utah.com/hike/rock_hounding.htm)), and

Fish Springs/Dugway (Geodes). (<http://geology.utah.gov/utahgeo/rockmineral/index.htm>).

Alternative: If you'd rather look at rocks and minerals rather than search for the, the Great Basin Museum in Delta

(<http://www.millardcounty.com/gbmuseum.html>) has a nice selection, along with exhibits about the early history of the county and information about the nearby Topaz Internment Camp.