

Mining towns in Montana - Virginia City

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Virginia City

Who- Virginia City had 11,000 residents in 1864. Virginia City is located about 35 miles southeast of Reno. Virginia City was the largest town in the inland Northwest of the state. Now there are only 132 people who live in Virginia City. Alder Gulch produced the largest amount of placer gold in the Northwest an estimated \$120 million. Placer mining involves dust, flakes, and nuggets while hard rock mining involves veins of ore.

What- Camels arrived in Virginia City in 1865 for freighting. The displays in Virginia and Nevada Cities differ from other outdoor museums in that they are interspersed. Virginia City was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1961.

Where- Virginia City became the capitol of the Montana Territory. In 1961 the town and the surrounding area was designated a National Historic landmark. In 1864 the Territory of Montana was formed with Bannack. In 1863 the area was part of the Dakota Territory until March.

When – Virginia City's had 11,000 residents in 1864 was its peak then it slowly declined with the gold fading away.

Why – Virginia City was the most important to Montana because it brought people to our state and it was a very good gold mine. It make a lot of money which made better houses but then the mine ran out and people left to the next gold town.

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