



# Deer Valley & Park City

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Let's face it, [Park City](#), Utah has always been a drinkin' town. From the 1850s to 1950s, Park City's economy was mining-based, and so were its people, men and women who worked hard and drank hard, too. In 1921, during Prohibition's darkest hours, 27 bars still served spirits to Park City residents.



Part of Park City's High West Distillery and Saloon is housed in a refurbished barn that also served as a garage (Meghan M. Hicks photo credit).

Today's town flavor is a lot different from those rough-and-tumble early days, as Park City has become a year-round recreation destination. As such, so has the town's drinking culture. [The High West Distillery and Saloon](#), located one block west of Main Street on Park Avenue, is where the wild West meets mountain chic with thick whiskey and gastropub-style food.

At High West, you can belly up to the bar or another of the saloon's tables, or you can nestle into one of its cozy dining rooms. No matter whether you seek the atmosphere of the saloon or a dining room, the whiskey and food tastes just the same. This isn't just a place for eating and drinking, this is also where spirits are made. Between the still visible from outside on Park Avenue to the basement Mash House, whiskey and vodka are made in high-altitude style at High West. A few times each day, free tours of the distillery are offered, which provide insight into the establishment's history as well as how liquor is made.



High West's owner David Perkins talks about how whiskey is made on site during a distillery tour (Meghan M. Hicks photo credit).

Once it's time to imbibe, you'll find the spirits available neat and in cocktails made to satisfy a diversity of palettes. The best way to get a grip on the whiskey made here is to sample them all in a flight. If cocktails are more your style, the Dead Man's Boot's will knock your socks off and the Rough Romance turns out to be sweet love. If you're out on the town with folks who don't care for whiskey and vodka, a full bar of beer, wine, and other spirits is also at hand.

When it comes to food, High West makes Western comfort food with style. The Idaho Elk goes down well, as does the Whiskey Cheese Fondue, a light mix of five cheeses. Dessert lovers rejoice, as High West is dessert heaven. Many of the plates are outstanding, but you can't miss the High West Grillswith, grilled Krispy Kreme donuts paired with whiskey vanilla ice cream. This off-the-charts dessert is built to share, so split the guilt amongst your companions.

So, yes, go West, young man and woman. And when you do, don't forget to drink and dine well at Park City's High West Distillery and Saloon.



The horseshoe in the logo is a throwback to the building's history (Meghan M. Hicks photo credit).



The Rough Romance, one of High West's vodka-based cocktails, is really some sweet love (Meghan M. Hicks photo credit).



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