



HEBER VALLEY

Welcome to Heber Valley in 1889, starting out just as a small town with big dreams. Since Heber is located in the Wasatch County area, it was economically dependent on agriculture, livestock, and dairy. Thanks to the railroad that runs through here, known to locals as the "Heber Creeper." After that, Heber became a shipping center for agricultural products. If you come to Utah for winter sports, skiing, and the snow, Heber Valley may be the place for you to stay outside of Park City as well. Or if you come for the summer, you can golf, hike, and go on scenic excursions. And no matter what season it is, there's always great dining, recreation, and entertainment close by.

1. One of Heber Valley's famous figures is Abram Hatch, a successful local merchant and businessman. He also was a bishop here in 1867 and ten years later, the stake president.
2. The iconic bank of Heber was built in 1904 and is known locally as the "Bank Block" thanks to the stone inscriptions on the north side of the building.
3. Heber City was first settled in 1859 by Robert Broadhead, James Davis and James Gurr. Members of the LDS church. In 1889 Heber City became officially a town, then a city in 1901.
4. The city was largely pastoral, focusing largely on the dairy farms and cattle ranching.
5. In the spring of 1896 the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railway (*reorganized in 1899 as the Rio Grand Western*) began. Eventually it became known as the Heber Creeper.
6. Why Heber Creeper? Legend says that the narrow twisting canyon made the trip so slow people began to talk of the train just "creeping."
7. Records show that more sheep left the Heber station on a train than at any other railroad station in the United States during the 1920's and 30's.
8. John W. Witt built the first house in the area and the area was under the direction of Bishop Silas Smith.
9. The city was named after Heber C. Kimball, an apostle.