World-class scenery in a rugged high alpine setting that catalyzes and inspires art and culture.

The Truckee Cultural District, located in the High Sierra, is well-known for its forests, waterways, and spectacular mountain views, attracting visitors and residents alike. These features offer diverse and readily accessible outdoor recreation and open-space opportunities for which Truckee is famous. This natural setting stimulates an outdoor adventure culture and provides compelling opportunities to interpret, capture, and inspire artistic and cultural creation.

In addition to the captivating outdoors, Truckee is a designated Historic District and presents a rich combination of assets that highlight Truckee as the gateway to westward expansion and the site of the ill-fated Donner Party. Numerous historic buildings give Truckee a unique sense of place—including the Old Jail Museum, Donner Memorial State Park and Visitor Center, interpretive trails, the railroad museum, and the Pioneer Monument.

Over the years Truckee has attracted and grown a vibrant, entrepreneurial, artistic community which has birthed over a dozen art galleries and exhibition spaces, created continuous year-round artistic and cultural events, inspired numerous public art pieces across town, and, most recently, created a new 3,000-square-foot “makerspace” that offers the community a place to learn, build, and practice a wide variety of art and creative skills.