



**Begin West Grade Auto Tour**  
Closed December to May

Miles of track laid per day quickly became a contest between the two railroads. In early April the Union Pacific laid 8.5 miles of track in one day. The UP then bet the Central Pacific \$10,000 that they could not better the record. On April 28, 1869, the CP won the bet!

**A World Record**  
Central Pacific crews finished their 10-Mile Day here, having laid 10 miles and 56 feet of track.

**Last Spike Site**  
Here at Promontory Summit the Union Pacific and Central Pacific rails were joined.

**Visitor Center**  
Park Headquarters  
4905ft  
1495m

To reach the West Grade Auto Tour drive 7 miles west from the visitor center.

One of the Union Pacific's most difficult areas of construction was here, as they climbed the Promontory Mountains. In the space of just 8 miles, the UP blasted 5 cuts through solid rock, building 4 trestles and 4 fills.

East of the Promontory Mountains, the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railroad grades crossed each other several times. In some places, they used the same grade.



Golden Spike National Historic Site

Auto tour route (unpaved)

Unpaved road

Hiking trail

Self-guiding trail

Picnic area

To Promontory Point

To 84 and Boise, Idaho

To 15 and Brigham City