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Local anglers and longtime visitors alike agree that no matter how many times they visit a certain body of water, the experience is never the same. There are so many places to go fishing, an angler can spend a lifetime exploring each one and still not be able to fish them all. From the shores of the meandering Owens River to the rapids of Walker's western fork, the back-country lakes as still as glass, to the social gathering of Fishmas on Crowley, the region has accessible fishing adventures for every angler, of every ability level.

This guide contains a complete overview of fishing in the Eastern Sierra, beginning with Lake Topaz at the Nevada boarder and winding down U.S. Highway 395 south to Lone Pine. Within these pages, there are inspiring stories and useful information such as our year-long local events calendar, campground guide and informational stories.

This guide also includes a complete overview of Eastern Sierra fishing, with spotlights that give a general description for each of the main fishing spots. There are tips from some of the area's most experienced fishing guides, as well as suggestions for trying something a little different. When it comes to fishing, there is no better place than the Eastern Sierra, and even those who are new to the region will enjoy an amazing experience as well. This guide will help you get there.

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**ON THE COVER:** Tim Carnahan enjoys fishing in Bishop Creek Canyon in September 2019 as he courageously fights brain cancer. The Carnahans have been fishing in the Eastern Sierra for decades and are much beloved, both for Tim's incredible fish tacos and Lori's fish stories.

*Photo by Lori Carnahan  
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# License fees in 2020

Don't forget the most important thing in your tackle box By Register Staff

**F**ishing licenses aren't known for being inexpensive, and generally increase in price by about 50 cents each year. But, when viewed as an investment – in hours and days of invaluable recreation, in quality time with the family, in respite outdoors in the Eastern Sierra – they're actually one of the best values around.

Revenue from California fishing licenses also helps ensure there will be trout to catch in fisheries around the state. For every sport fishing license sold, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is required to plant at least 2.75 pounds of fish.

And, should any of us be caught fishing without a license, it's a mini-

mum \$100 fine (\$25 if that person can provide proof of a license in court) – which makes that \$48.34 sound like a pretty good deal.

Licenses are required for all anglers age 16 or older except on California's two free fishing days: Saturday, July 4 and Saturday, Sept. 5, in 2020.

The general Eastern Sierra trout season runs from Saturday, April 25 through October. Southern Inyo waters – south of Independence and west of U.S. Highway 395 – open for fishing on Saturday, March 3. Various other fisheries in Inyo and Mono counties are open year-round, which is good because fishing licenses are valid from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

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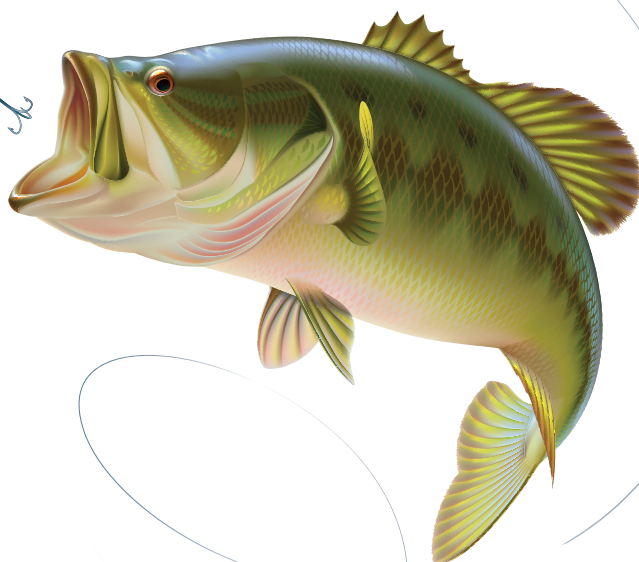
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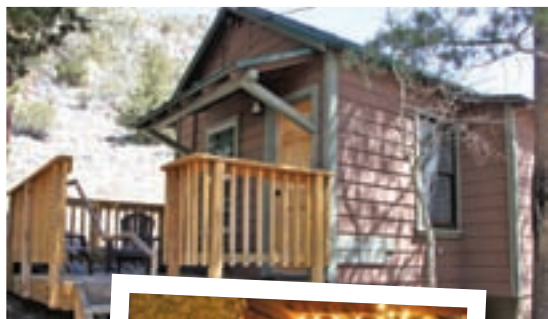
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# Topaz – A Mono County fishing gem

Drop a line in two different states By Register Staff

Heading north along U.S. Highway 395, as a traveler gets to the border of Mono County and the Nevada state line, there is one last watering hole to catch a lunker – Topaz Lake. Nestled at the northernmost edge of Mono County, Topaz Lake is both in Nevada and California, and it is legal to fish Topaz with a license from either state. This warm-water fishery is home to monstrous rainbow and brown trout, as well as smallmouth bass.

Because the lake crosses a state line, it has slightly different regulations. Topaz has an unusually long fishing season, making it a perfect destination for early season fishing. Opening day for the lake is the first day of January and the fishing season ends on Sept. 30. Legal fishing times for Topaz are from one hour before dawn to two hours after dusk.

The lake is heavily stocked with trophy trout. The Nevada Department of Wildlife alone plants 40,000 rainbow trout and an additional 2,000 tagged trophy trout when the season ends in October.

Anglers who catch a tagged trout may call the Nevada Department of Wildlife phone number, which will be on the tag.

Daily and possession limits are five trout, 10 mountain whitefish, and 15 warm-water game fish, of which no more than



Lake photo courtesy Topaz RV Park Lake Cam/angler photo courtesy Topaz Lodge  
Topaz RV Park's live "Lake Cam" shows Topaz in all its glory in mid-January, while Shawn Lenz of Auburn shows off the 3.9-lb., 21.25-inch trout he pulled from the lake for a first-place prize during Week 4 of Topaz Lake Lodge and Casino's annual fishing derby, which began Jan. 1.

five may be black bass.

The lake remains busy until closing in late September, but becomes especially

busy during summer holiday weekends like Independence Day. Topaz also is a popular destination for jet skiers and recreational



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boaters.

While Topaz is heavily stocked in October, the fish always are hungry when the season opens Jan. 1, but the weather can be bitter cold. It's not an uncommon sight for anglers to cast their line, put their fishing pole in a holder, then sit in their cars with the heater running full blast.

The lake is home to a large minnow population, which means streamers and Panther Martins are good for trolling.

In the warm summer months, the trout are likely to head for deeper, cooler waters. Anglers should sink their bait to a depth of about 34 feet to find the fish. At its deepest point, Topaz reaches a depth of 92 feet.

One of the popular trout holes on Topaz is on the north-east corner of the reservoir. It's a good place to float to with purple or black woolly buggers or prince nymphs with an intermediate sink line.

Trout fishing remains strong throughout the year, but Topaz offers a couple options for anglers. Bass fishing takes off as the weather begins to warm up. The record smallmouth bass for the lake is in the six-plus-pound range.

Anglers who are looking to hook a bass should try a crawdad pattern from shore.

Another emerging trend on Topaz is carp fishing.

Because carp spawn twice a year, laying thousands of eggs, they are abundant in Topaz. They're also big and strong and will put up a fight. Carp also pose a new challenge for seasoned anglers, because they're reclusive, skittish fish. But on the up side anyone, whether fishing with a fly or bait, from the shore or the bank, can try their hand at catching a nice sized carp.

With the surge in interest in carp fishing, the lake has seen an increase in bow fishing, with clubs making special trips to the lake during spawning season to hunt carp.

Access to Topaz Lake is excellent for all types of vehicles. From Carson City, travel south on U.S. Highway 395 for approximately 40 miles. Turn east on Topaz Lake Park Road to reach the Douglas County Park at the far east end of the reservoir or turn east on Mark Twain Avenue (just past Topaz Lodge and Casino) and follow the road to Topaz Marina.

Shore access is available along Topaz Lake Park Road, within Douglas County Park, and farther south on U.S. Highway 395 in California.



Catch of the week photo  
Albert Ayala of Pico Rivera holds a nice stringer of trout caught from the Intake 2 dam in Bishop Creek Canyon.



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Drift boating is a wonderful way to experience fly fishing in the Eastern Sierra.

# Driftboat Fly Fishing

Boats built by fly fishers for fly fishers By Jarett Coons

Necessity is the mother of invention. Our minds are always thinking, our ways are always changing as we strive for success. When we need an item to make us more efficient, we create it. This is especially true of anglers and their tools. Throughout history we have used all kinds of watercraft to pursue our quarry but to those who use the long rod, the driftboat or “McKenzie Boat” is the ultimate fishing platform.

## History

Native Americans realized using North America’s rivers was much more efficient. Dugout canoes, animal hide boats and tule rafts (Saki’) were used early on for work, hunting and trapping. Then with western exploration and expansion came the long, heavy planked boats used by explorers like Lewis and Clark. Boats from the east were not designed for western rivers and all it took was a second of inattention to get out

of shape and smash the boat. These early boatmen developed many of our modern river running tactics by taking heavy loads of men and supplies west without major loss of life.

But it wouldn’t be until around the turn of the century on the Rogue and McKenzie Rivers of Oregon that the modern driftboat as we know it would begin to take shape. Mining and logging were the main part of the economy along the Rouge and a commercial fishery had also recently sprung up. The McKenzie River had a highway running its length, access was easy, and the first guides were taking clients or “Dudes” downriver. Needless to say, angling pioneers needed a boat of their own, so they began to scale down the Log Driving Bateaux’s (18’-36’ feet) used for logging and mining.

Early boatmen experimented with shapes, keeping what worked and ditching what didn’t. Most boats were 13’-17’ feet

long and built out of lightweight wood like cedar, spruce and fir. They had a flat bottom, rockered hull and were mainly plank, or board and bat construction until the 1930’s when plywood was made available. This revolutionized driftboat construction, many boats were now built with ribs and a plywood skin making boats much lighter. Boat builders like Tom Kaarhus and Woody Hindman continued to tweak the design into the 50’s until they came up with the style of boat we use today.

## The modern driftboat

Now most driftboats resemble Woody Hindman’s double ender with a transom. However, technology has improved and many of today’s boats are made of wood, aluminum, fiberglass or a combination of wood and glass. Each has pros and cons. Wood is traditional, light, beautiful and if taken care of will last just as long as a glass

or aluminum boat. Fiberglass is very durable with low maintenance but heaviest of all materials. Aluminum is a good balance of strength, weight and low maintenance but is loud, clunky and gets hot in the sun and cold in the winter, your wet boots can freeze to the floor! Each angler has a preference of boat when it comes to their river and fishing needs.

### Owens River

Here on the Owens River we kick off the driftboat season around mid-November when the "Regular Fishing Season" ends and flows drop to an optimum level. Sadly, many anglers hang up their rods at this time and miss out on some of the greatest fishing this river has to offer. Winters are mild in the Payahuunadü (Owens Valley) so we can fish comfortably until spring when flows rise again.

If you are familiar with the Owens, you know it is no easy task bushwhacking your way to and from the water. Often, less aggressive waders must settle for water that is easy to access rather than fishing where they want. Fishing from a driftboat gives the angler access to every inch of the river and better yet, it lets us do it in comfort and

style. We can anchor up mid river and fish streamers on a sink line to hungry winter rainbows, browns and bass, they love to smack a baitfish! If you're a more traditional angler we can present tiny dries and nymphs with standard 9' foot rods, Euro rods and even Tenkara. The Owens provides great winter midge and baetis hatches that will satisfy any angler, no matter which school you come from.

Even though we don't use much energy on a drift trip, fishing is still hungry work and lunchtime is a big deal! Kickback and enjoy something like a hot bowl of venison chilli and a cold one while we drift like a leaf down the river. No matter what we have, a hot lunch on the river is one of the greatest things in the world! It's amazing what you will see when you come around a bend, deer, minks, ducks and other wildlife will sometimes let you float right by as long as you are quiet.

If you have never experienced the Owens River (or any river) by driftboat I highly recommend it. Taking a trip downriver in a wood driftboat connects us to early boat-builders and our angling history. When you are in a driftboat you feel as if you have gone back in time, just wood and water.

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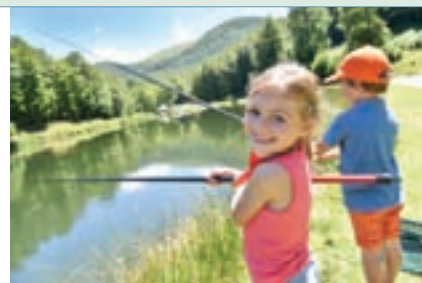
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# Walker River runs wild

## Designated trophy fishing water just gets better

By Register Staff

The sister forks of Walker River have proven time and time again that it is becoming a better fishery every year.

Designated as a trophy trout water in 2007, the East Walker River, flowing east from Bridgeport Reservoir, has the reputation as being a premier fly fishing stream.

Catches of trophy class brown trout, judged by pounds not inches, make a season long showing. Anglers will find more than five miles of easy-to-access roadside waters.

A favored location for consistently producing heavyweights is the "miracle mile" section of water directly downstream from the dam.

The river is governed by special regulation. Angling is restricted to barbless hook lure or fly – no bait. From Opening Day to the final day of the season possession limit is one fish, minimum size 18-inches. From the close of the general season (Nov. 15) to the next season Opening Day, possession is zero.

Fifteen miles north of Bridgeport, U.S. Highway 395 crosses the West Walker River. The river was designated a year-round water in 2014. The regulation allows for bait fishing from Opening Day to the Nov. 15 closing with no tackle restrictions along with a five fish possession limit.

From Nov. 16 to the next season opening day angling is restricted to barbless hook or fly with zero possession.

The river is on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Mono County trophy trout program during the regular season.

Historically productive locations have been a short distance up and downstream from the U.S. Highway 395 bridge crossing and the slower waters near the downstream town of Walker.

Highlighting the summer season, is the "How Big is Big" derby. Sponsored by the communities of Walker, Coleville and Topaz, and the Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce, the How Big is Big Fishing Derby runs for the entire month of July. No entry fee – just bring your fish in to the Walker General Store, and your catch will be weighed and recorded. There will be lots of prizes. Email the Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce, [info@northernmonochamber.com](mailto:info@northernmonochamber.com), for more information.



Photo courtesy Pat Jaeger/Eastern Sierra Guide Service  
A fly fisherman shows off his beautiful East Walker River catch before releasing it back into the channel. The East Walker is one of six fisheries in the Eastern Sierra that's open year-round. A section of the river just below the reservoir that's particularly fruitful is known as "The Miracle Mile."

## Remember to always think safety first!



The Mono County Sheriff's Office operates patrol boats across all major waterways throughout Mono County.

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Enjoy yourself and good luck catching "The Big One!"



# Bringing in the biggest fish

Bridgeport region home to record-sized trout By Kristina Blüm Justice

Bridgeport, the county seat of Mono County, continues to be a draw for a variety of summer-to-winter recreation, including hiking and – of course – fishing.

Twin Lakes, which is not far from the mountain community of Bridgeport, has produced a record-shattering 26-pound, 8-ounce brown trout – and there are plenty more record-setters in these northern Mono County waters.

Twin Lakes is only one of the many fishing options. The Bridgeport area is home to the spacious Bridgeport reservoir, Virginia Lakes, Big Virginia Lake, Red Lake, Trumbull Lake and many more. Each has proven to be a productive body of water for lunkers.

Bridgeport Reservoir is a 2,913-acre lake that is filled with about 40,000 acre-feet of crisp alpine water. While there is ample room for anglers to fish from shore, many recommend boat fishing on the lake as the best way to catch a lunker.

For those who prefer to cast from solid ground, the reservoir has 13 miles of fishable shoreline with popular spots like Rainbow Point and the Swauger and Buckley creek outlets located on the south side of the lake.

Just below the dam, anglers will find a spot the locals refer to as the “Miracle Mile,” the first stretch of the Walker River, which produces great stringers year-round.

Bridgeport Reservoir is sometimes compared to Crowley Lake, because of its size and reputation as home of massive trout. However, there is at least one notable difference; Bridgeport Reservoir is not prone to the big crowds that are common on

Crowley. At 5,600 feet, Bridgeport Reservoir is at a lower-altitude than Crowley and has shallower waters.

One reason the trout grow so big in Bridgeport is because there is a healthy population of callibaetis, hironomid and damselflies that allow the fish to gorge during the summer.

As far as technique, still-water nymphing is a safe bet during the spring, when the trout are migrating to the cooler waters flowing out of the creeks.

During the fall, streamer fishing from float tubes has been known to bring in 10-pounders for those angling for browns or rainbows.

The reservoir's marina and boat launch are located off State Route 108, just past the Bridgeport airstrip. There are RV parks along the shoreline as well as public launch ramps.

State Route 108 exits U.S. Highway 395 south of Bridgeport, heading towards Yerington, Nevada.

In addition to the popular reservoir, the Bridgeport area's other premier fishing holes include Twin Lakes (though, it's a different set of Twins than can be found in the Mammoth area). The Twins can be found southwest of Bridgeport by taking State Route 182 West. The shoreline is rocky and steep, but the water is deep and turns out some monster brown trout each year.

Robinson Creek flows through the Upper and Lower Twin lakes, then heads east to Bridgeport Reservoir. Below Lower Twin Lake, there are several creekside campsites that make for convenient angling opportunities.

The action doesn't stop there. The mountains that rise from the valley are a tangle of streams and creeks ripe for the plucking. North of Robinson Creek, anglers will find Buckeye Creek and its two tributaries. To the south (and across State Route 182) are Green and Virginia creeks, with access located roughly five miles south of Bridgeport.

For the latest updates on the local hot spots and recommendations on bait and techniques, check in with the folks at Ken's Sporting Goods in Bridgeport.

The Bridgeport Valley also is home to the Virginia Lakes, a chain of 10 lakes located between 9,500 and 10,200 feet in elevation, accessed just six miles east of U.S. Highway 395. All 10 lakes lie within a mile and a half of the Virginia Lakes Resort. This chain of lakes was first stocked in the 1800s, and continue to be stocked with rainbows. Three of the 10 are accessible by car and most are home to native brooks and browns that are ready to feast on natural baits like nightcrawlers and crickets.

The 26-acre Big Virginia Lake is fed by underground streams and by Blue and Red lakes. The north shore cove is home to small browns and rainbows while the east shore is known for its brooks and rainbows. The bigger trout can generally be found on the south side of the lake. However, the east shore slopes to a big drop-off where brookies are known to feed.

The lowest of the chain of waters is the 10-acre Trumbull Lake. Little Virginia also is a small, 11-acre productive lake with a depth of about 20 feet at its deepest point.



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# Yosemite's back door

Tioga Pass – fish, picnic and soak up the views By Kristina Blüm Justice

Tioga Pass is California's highest mountain pass, boasting entry in Yosemite National Park from the eastern side, but it also holds a couple of fishing location gems that are part of the experience.

Ellery and Tioga lakes hold a lot of put-and-take Department of Fish and Wildlife rainbows and a healthy supply of browns, many of which have been growing, just waiting for the skilled angler.

The locals claim that a fly-and-bubble combo is a good choice. But when the bugs start buzzing and the mosquitoes come out, traditional favorites like Powerbait and worms also provide promise.

For wild browns, anglers should head on to Saddlebag Lake. At about 340 acres, this high-elevation water is generally open by Memorial Day. The lake also offers a marina with boat rentals and a store with supplies and advice.

Saddlebag also is a launching point for the 20 Lakes Basin, a grouping of high country waters brimming with brookies and even the elusive golden trout, California's state fish.

However, 20 Lakes Basin does not include road access, so a short hike will be in order.

The creek flowing from Saddlebag Lake is a popular fly fishing destination, with 8- to 12-inch browns caught regularly.

Lee Vining Creek also flows out of Ellery Lake and offers more great fly opportunities in the warm summer months. A section of the creek is catch and release, and is heavily stocked with rainbows. Locals say the open meadows in Lee Vining Canyon are a great place to find 12- to 15-inch lunkers.

Below the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power intake at Mono Lake, wild browns are available. However, there is a two-fish limit and no stocking.

Ellery, Tioga and Saddlebag lakes each have campgrounds and creek-side camping is available in Lee Vining Canyon, accessible just before the ascent to Tioga Pass, near the Forest Service Ranger



Photo by Wendilyn Grasseschi

The lakes above Lee Vining are a beautiful place for fishing in the summertime.

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A short, though strenuous, one-mile hike to the Gaylor Lake Basin offers outstanding fishing for wild brook trout. The four small lakes in the basin are within Yosemite National Park, with the trail located near the entrance station.

These waters are governed by California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations and there are no special park rules.

When it comes to the high-elevation lakes in the Tioga Pass area, weather plays a huge part in the fishing action. In heavy snow years, Tioga Pass, which is State Route 120, may not open until May.

The highway links the east and west sides of the Sierra and provides access to Yosemite. But for fishermen, the opening of the highway is the opening of Ellery and Tioga lakes, the high-country lakes with scenery that rivals the catching.

When accessing Tioga from U.S. Highway 395, be sure to stop in the community of Lee Vining to stock up on supplies.

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This lunger was caught by Bob Ready from Camarillo, California, retired fire captain with the city of Ventura, at Saddlebag Lake.



Gavin Gordon, age 13, from Ventura, California, at Saddlebag Lake, caught a 3.4 lbs. Rainbow, on July 22, 2019.




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# Treasured moments in June

Bring rod, fishing tackle and your camera By Kristina Blüm Justice

Tucked away against the back side of Yosemite National Park and off U.S. Highway 395, the June Lake Loop is one of the Eastern Sierra's hidden gems. Sometimes lovingly called the Alps of the Sierra by the locals, the quiet backwaters of the lakes and streams is the perfect spot for fishing while surrounded by natural beauty.

The 22-mile loop begins and ends on U.S. Highway 395. The loop is home to Grant, Silver, Gull and June lakes, as well as a number of streams and tributaries that offer their own unique angling opportunities.

Grant and Silver lakes are known for legendary catches for brown trout. Fishing for these trophy browns is best in the fall, towards the end of fishing season.

The habits of the various fish found along the Loop can vary depending on the season, temperature and body of water they are swimming in; it's always a good idea to check in at a local tackle shop to see what's biting and where. For a more localized perspective, check in with fellow anglers before hitting the water.

In general, Sierra Slammers, Berkley trout worms and Panther Martins are popular on Gull Lake, and at Silver the regulars tend to go with a bubble and flies or Woolly Buggers, trout traps, Panther Martins and Rooster Tails.

Another popular bait for big brown hunters are Tasmanian Devils. Anglers report that Rapalas, Lucky Craft Pointers and Kastmasters are smart options.

The June Lake Loop begins at the junction of U.S. Highway 395 and State Route 158, heads



Photo by Wendilyn Grasseschi

Silver Lake is one of the main lakes along the June Lake Loop.

west to June Lake, a 160-acre spring-fed lake preferred by trollers and bait fisherman due to its deep waters. Float tubing gets good results along the western edge and northern shoreline, where

anglers will find tule beds and a shelf that drops into the depths. Fish tend to circumnavigate the lake along this shelf, making it an ideal location to drop some bait.

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June Lake is one of the larger lakes in the region and is a popular destination for opening day.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife stocks June, and supplemental trout are provided through a private trout farmer and rainbows reared at the marina.

Just beyond June Lake, anglers will reach Gull Lake, set among a pine forest and a serene setting. Gull is popular among fly fisherman and bait fishers alike. At 64 acres, Gull is the smallest of the June Lake Loop waters but that doesn't stop the angling action. Like June, Gull's tule beds along the northern shoreline draws float tubers who say damsel nymphs and calibaetis nymphs bring results. Others recommend tugging streamers between the big rocks and aspens along the western shoreline. Gull is generally known as a haven for rainbows in the 10- to 14-inch range, with a few odd trophy-sized Alpers trout to be found.

Farther west along the loop, anglers will find June's fly fishing haven – the 80-acre Silver Lake. Boat traffic on Silver is limited to 10 mph, which makes for an awesome opportunity for kayaks and float tubes.

Silver Lake is linked to Gull by Reverse Creek and to Grant by Rush Creek. A popular spot for anglers is at the Rush Creek outlet. This area really takes off as larger rainbows begin spawning.

Another hot spot is the drop-off along the southern shoreline, which is another productive fishing hole in the early summer months.

For those of the fly fishing persuasion, note that Silver Lake often experiences chironomid hatches throughout the season, which can make for great opportunities.

The largest of the Loop's lakes is Grant Lake, reached just before the Loop reconnects with U.S. Highway 395. Grant Lake is a massive 1,100-acre body of water popular with trollers who report great action in the early mornings and late afternoons.

Experts say late fall is best for float tubing, as the big browns are coming up from the depths to

feed along the shoreline before the winter freeze. During late spring spawning, those big browns can be found at the Rush Creek inlet.

In addition to its drive-to lakes, the Loop serves as a launching point for more secluded high-elevation lakes. A gravel road about a mile north of Grand Lakes leads to a trailhead to Parker and Little Walker lakes. Parker is known for its population of wild browns in the 5-pound range.



Photo by Wendilyn Grasseschi

Secluded and scenic, Silver Lake is a beautiful place to drop a line.

Another trailhead located near Silver Lake leads to Agnew and Gem lakes and a plethora of wild brooks and rainbows.

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# Finding hope through fishing

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing brings wounded and disabled veterans to the Eastern Sierra

By Kristina Blüm Justice

It's no secret that the Eastern Sierra is a special place, but for the disabled veterans who participate in Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, the region's breathtaking vistas are the backdrop for a unique journey of healing.

"From my experience, all veterans struggle coming back; the thing they miss is a sense of camaraderie," said Pete Peters, a Marine veteran living in Bishop who volunteers to help prepare meals for the Long

Beach Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing group when they visit the region. "Transitioning from the military to civilian life, there is none of that brotherhood, that camaraderie. In the case of Project Healing Waters, they can align themselves back into Main Stream America with the support of other veterans."

Peters, along with his wife Olga, has been helping the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Long Beach club come to



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A Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing participant shows off his catch.

Photo courtesy Carole Katz



Photo courtesy Carole Katz

The veterans who participate in Project Healing Waters attend classes every week throughout the year. The Long Beach group learns everything from fly tying to how to build their own rods.

Bishop for years. Olga, who is an extremely active volunteer and advocate for veterans in the Eastern Sierra, said the local volunteers are incredibly passionate about the program and have grown fond of the veterans who participate in it.

"We cheer them on, feed them, and try to help keep their costs down while they're here," Olga said. "We've even arranged for their hotel to accept donations to offset the cost of their rooms this year."

The Bishop Elks Club, Bishop VFW, Big Pine and Bishop American Legion clubs and auxiliaries, and several local volunteers have partnered to help make the annual trip possible, providing meals and doing fundraising to help offset costs.

"It's been a pleasure and so much fun to host them," Olga said. "They've become like my extended family, and they're just such amazing people. They're always so appreciative and grateful when they come here. They always tell us about how much they want to come back to Bishop because they feel so welcomed here. Bishop is such a patriotic town."

A group of volunteers from Long Beach, who work with the veterans throughout the year, bring between 15 and 20 veterans at a time to the Eastern Sierra to Fish. The program only takes veterans who are either wounded or disabled, of any age, from young veterans just returning from service

to elderly veterans who have been disabled for years.

"We remain lifelong friends with them, and again, it's because of that connectedness," Peters said. "The Sierra is the perfect location. Even for the civilians who come here, this is a special place because of our natural resources."

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is a nation-wide non-profit organization that is dedicated to aiding the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities. The group that visits the Eastern Sierra is based in Long Beach, where the veterans meet every week throughout the year to learn about fly fishing prior to their annual journey to the Eastern Sierra.

"It isn't just about getting out there and catching a fish," said Carole Katz, regional coordinator for the southwest. "We teach them how to build rods, fly tying, how to read the water, river etiquette and so on. There are other non-profits that take them fishing, but none that I've heard of that provide the educational component, which really builds that bond of brotherhood and support."

To learn more about Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, or to make a donation to the program, visit [projecthealingwaters.org](http://projecthealingwaters.org).

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# A 'Basin' of fishing opportunities

Mammoth Lakes Basin lives up to its name By Kristina Blüm Justice

During the winter, the community of Mammoth is known for its world-renowned skiing, but during the summer, it is the perfect place to take an easy vacation with fishing nearby. With its series of seven lakes just outside of town, the Mammoth Lakes Basin area is a playground for those who love fishing. The main lakes, which are accessible by paved roads, are home to rainbows, brooks and browns.

One of the most popular is Lake George, the third largest of the basin's great lakes, which is 38 acres in size. Local experts say that fishing the backside of the lake, where the water is deepest, is generally the best spot.

The largest of Mammoth's lakes, Lake Mary, is 140 acres, providing plenty of room for boats and shore fishing. Mary also boasts campgrounds and other facilities. The locals say the hot spots are near the outlet at the



The Kids Fish Fest in Mammoth is an annual tradition. Sponsored in part by Berkley, the event is a fantastic opportunity to introduce children to fishing for the first time. File photo

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northern end of the lake, and the inlet on the western side.

Next up is Twin Lakes, which is actually a set of three waters connected by Mammoth Creek. The lakes, along with the waterfall that feeds them, are the first lakes that are visible from Lake Mary Road, located just across the street from the Tamarack Lodge. Locals say the hot spot is at the inlet of Upper Twin, the northern-most lake. The Twin Lakes are generally accessible on the Opening Day of the fishing season, depending on how much snow Mother Nature dumps on the region.

Lake Mamie is located just south of Twin Lakes. This water has been proven to deliver for eager anglers looking to land that trophy-sized trout. A good place to start is in the deeper waters on an early morning.

Horseshoe Lake, a 53-acre lake at the

end of the paved road, contains no fish. While Horseshoe isn't a fishing hole, it is a popular swimming hole for anglers taking a break from a day of fishing.

All the lakes, except Horseshoe, are stocked by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and receives healthy summer plants from private hatcheries.

Anglers looking to stretch their legs and take in some of Mammoth's famous mountain air and breathtaking Sierra vistas can lace up their boots and head for McLeod and Crystal lakes, located just a short hike away from the paved roads. And for the more adventurous angler, there are plenty of opportunities farther into the backcountry.

Access to all Mammoth Basin waters is available through the town of Mammoth Lakes, located just a short drive west on State Route 203 from U.S. Highway 395.



Twin Lakes are the first lakes in the Mammoth Lakes Basin.

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Steve Johsz of Huntington Beach with a Lake Mary trout caught in October 2016 that weighed in at 3.15 pounds, measuring 23 inches long.

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# Escaping to Convict Lake

Alpine angling on crystal clear water By Kristina Blüm Justice

The history of Convict Lake is almost as deep as the lake itself. The sheer cliffs that surround the lake are known to be home to bald eagles, and the deep water is home to trophy trout.

Tucked just off U.S. Highway 395 south of the turn-off to Mammoth, Convict Lake is considered by the locals to be one of the most beautiful destinations in the beauty-filled Eastern Sierra, and the road goes right to the shoreline. For anglers, the lake offers more than just spectacular scenery.

Convict Lake features a loop trail that provides almost 360 degrees of shore access and the Convict Lake Resort, founded in 1929, offers virtually every kind of amenity, from boat rentals to lodging to tackle and supplies and horseback rides.

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Though the angling is good across the lake, experts say the best option is to hit the water on a boat. From shore or from a boat, some of the best angling action can be found at the inlet, located on the west side of the lake. Garlic-flavored Powerbait of any color is one of the recommended tools, but worms and crickets also are a favorite.

As the weather warms up in the summer, trollers tend to work well on the lake, beating out shore anglers for some of the larger catches.

Seasoned anglers say the trick to netting the trophy-sized trout is to get the bait at a depth of 30-40 feet, where the trout linger to avoid the heat of the day.

As with most Eastern Sierra waters, the best bet is to hit the waters early in the day or late in the afternoon.

Stream fishermen and women also have the option of heading down to Convict Creek, located on the east side of the lake. The lower creek runs past a number of Forest Service campgrounds, giving those who have acclimated to the altitude an opportunity to walk from water to water.

For more secluded angling opportunities, hit the trail to the upper creek. The trail



Photo by Wendilyn Grasseschi

A large grove of aspen trees on the back side of Convict Lake turns vibrant shades of orange, yellow and red in the fall.

begins at 7,580 feet and provides access to a number of great fishing holes.

The truly hardy can keep going, hitting Mildred Lake at about 9,760 feet.

To reach Convict Lake, take the Convict

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# Crowley Lake – Legacy of an opening day tradition

The fishing is as great as the Crowley community

By Kristina Blüm Justice

For those familiar with Eastern Sierra fishing, Crowley ranks right there up at the top, especially when it comes to Opening Day in April. It's massive and so are the fish that live there. The community around the lake also is renowned for its hospitality.

The massive lake, located just north of U.S. Highway 395 north of Tom's Place, is one of the region's most popular early-season destinations. It is a great place to spend Opening Day, especially for anglers who enjoy socializing with other fish enthusiasts.

Crowley features a variety of bays and inlets as well as its outlet to the Owens River on the south side. At 12 miles long and five miles across at its widest point, there's plenty of elbowroom on Crowley, and even more opportunities for a trophy-sized catch.

With so much room for the fish to swim, Crowley has a reputation as home to some truly massive fish, with the largest on record weighing in at a whopping 26 pounds.

Experts explain that Crowley's catches grow so large thanks to a midge-fly-based food chain that provides summertime feasts for the fish. The fish also gorge themselves on Sacramento perch fry.

The lake features a boat launch and rentals, available at the Crowley Lake Store, along with information on what's biting and where anglers are having the best luck.

Access to Green Banks near the old North Landing can be reached off Benton Crossing Road (north of the Crowley Lake turnoff and identifiable by the historic Green Church at the turn-off from U.S. Highway 395). The key at Green Banks is trolling over the deeper water of the Owens River Channel where some of the lake's bigger browns will wade deep, waiting for food to flow out of the Owens and into the lake.

Those who continue past Green Banks on Benton Crossing Road will cross the Owens River and find the eastern shores of the lake's inlet, which features popular fishing holes like Layton Springs and Alligator Point. No,



Photo courtesy of Lori Carnahan  
Fish Story Lori holds her catch on Crowley Lake in May 2019.

there are no actual alligators at Alligator Point, but the fish may be just as hungry as a 'gator. Both Layton Springs and Alligator Point have a reputation for delving early-season limits with plenty of action all summer long. They also are accessible by boat.

For those trolling the waters of Crowley, minnow imitators, Cultiva's Rip'n Minnow and Mira Shad, Rapals and Yo Zurls are a safe bet.

Local sportsmen also recommend needle-fish, Lucky Craft Pointers and other options.

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Crowley also is a popular destination for fly fishing, with many hitting the lake in float tubes, or plying the shores. As always, fishing with flies can be a tricky business and the proper fly will change with the season, temperatures and other conditions. Anglers say midge and caddis imitators and streamers resembling perch fry are a good bet if all else fails.

Crowley Lake is named after Father John J. Crowley, who was a Catholic priest and served the Eastern California area in the 1920s and '30s. Crowley founded and served the congregation of Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Lone Pine, which celebrated 100 years in 2019.

Father Crowley was indefatigable in his efforts to attract tourists to the Owens Valley. Each year on Opening Day of trout season – which he managed to have declared a county holiday – he blessed fishing equipment.

In another publicity effort, on Sept. 14, 1934, he climbed Mt. Whitney and became the first priest to celebrate Mass on the summit. Pictures of the Mass appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

The priest's flair for publicity paid off. Tourists began to flock to the valley, and the once-hostile residents began to welcome them. Using constant media pressure, Father Crowley finally secured a hearing with commissioners of Los Angeles regarding the plight of the Owens Valley. At one point, Father Crowley actually locked Chief Water Engineer H.C. Van Norman in a meeting room until the exasperated engineer conceded to requests to build a new dam that would restore water to the impoverished desert.

While returning from a publicity trip to San Francisco in September 1940, Father Crowley struck a steer that had wandered onto the highway. His car was forced into the path of an oncoming truck and he was killed instantly.



Photo courtesy of Lori Conahan

The Marina at Crowley Lake is the perfect launching point for a fishing adventure.

When the new Long Valley Dam was completed, the reservoir it created was named Crowley Lake in honor of the desert priest. It remains a popular fishing spot today, attracting thousands of people each year for trout season. It is interesting to note that 78 years after his tragic accident, Father Crowley remains a legendary figure, recognized as the visionary leader who saw the potential for the region, and as a man of faith who dedicated his life to helping its inhabitants.



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## SPOTLIGHT

# A canyon that goes beyond beautiful

**Rock Creek Canyon offers some of the region's most  
 spectacular scenery**

By Register Staff

Rock Creek is a beautiful Eastern Sierra backcountry canyon in the John Muir Wilderness, perfect for bicycling, hiking, fishing, camping, horseback riding, rock climbing, cross country skiing and snowshoeing – but the canyon also is home to beautiful as well as easily accessible fishing spots.

To reach Rock Creek Lake and Rock Creek, head west at the Tom's Place turnoff on U.S. Highway 395 (at the top of Sherwin Grade). From there, the road winds to a myriad of backcountry angling opportunities.

Rock Creek Lake is one of the smaller lakes that are easily accessible in the Eastern Sierra. Due to its high elevation, if the conditions are right, Rock Creek Lake is a great place to go ice fishing early in the season. Conditions for ice fishing depend on the previous winter.

However, the benefits of the lake's elevation affords the angler more than a chance for ice fishing. Temperatures on the Owens Valley floor will almost always hit triple digits in the summer. When that happens, Rock Creek Lake and Rock Creek can be a much-needed sanctuary from the 100-plus degree heat. The odds of nabbing brooks and bows is said to be best during these times.

Veteran anglers swear by the fly bubble combo when it comes to fly fishing Rock Creek Lake. As for bait, many anglers swear by the traditional nightcrawler.

Rock Creek area lakes are stocked with trout annually. Fishing season for the Rock Creek area opens the last Saturday in April and closes November 15. Be sure to check with the White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop to make sure the road to Rock Creek Lake and the canyon beyond is open early in the season. Due to its altitude, if the winter was especially heavy, the road won't be open as early as some of the other roads in the area.

Rock Creek Pack Station is only a short distance from the lake. Their specialty is backcountry excursions, which will expose anglers to many lakes teeming with wild brook, rainbow and golden trout. Half, full and multiple day adventures can be arranged through the pack station.

Mosquito Flats is located just up the road from Rock Creek Lake. Despite its name, Mosquito Flats is a wonderful place to start a backcountry fishing excursion; Little Lakes Valley is among the most beloved and popular hiking trails in the region because of its spectacular scenery and gentle slope. The trail head lies at the far end of the Mosquito Flat parking lot.

The trail is surrounded by wildflowers in the springtime. The trail forks into the Morgan Pass and Mono Pass trails not far from the trail head. To reach the Little Lakes Valley, take the Morgan Pass trail to the left.

The Mono Pass trail ascends steeply up the western side of the canyon while the Morgan Pass trail meanders through the lush meadows of Little Lakes Valley for three miles of gentle ascent before ascending to Morgan Pass.

In Little Lakes Valley, there is a series of small lakes and streams, including Serene, East Brook, Mack, Heart, Hidden and Gem lakes. Mostly brook trout are found here,



Photo by Wendilyn Grasseschi

Rock Creek Canyon has beautiful lake fishing and easily accessible backcountry lakes for those who enjoy a short hike.

with an occasional heavyweight brown making an appearance.

When fishing Rock Creek, black ants or green body mosquitoes are recommended, as both are natural fare for the creek's trout. Stream anglers will find the water stocked with CDFW rainbows. Look for the rainbows in the open, easy-to-reach locations, especially adjacent to campgrounds. For the sneaky fisherman, wild brown trout are there for the taking in the brush-lined, hard to reach spots.

Forest Service campgrounds are located along Rock Creek and on the lakeshore.

For those looking for more refined accommodations, modern cabin rentals are available at Rock Creek Lake Resort. About a mile downstream more options are available at Rock Creek Lodge.

Rock Creek Lake Resort features a well-stocked general store, home-cookin' with a nightly dinner special as well as rental boats. Rock Creek Lake Resort also serves up smoked barbecue as well as cobbles.

Just a ways down the road is historic Tom's Place. There you'll find good hamburgers and maybe a fishy tall-tale or two around the famous horseshoe bar.

Lower Rock Creek, south of Tom's Place, is an often overlooked stretch of the creek that produces a lot of trout. Watch for the turnoff to Lower Rock Creek Road, less than a mile south of Tom's Place, on the southbound side of the U.S. Highway 395.

Anglers may want to start with the traditional Powerbait and salmon eggs when fishing this portion of the creek.

If that doesn't produce easy results, switching to the mosquitoes and ants recommended for the upper stretch of the creek may be the ticket.

A popular hiking and mountain biking trail follows the course of the creek down the canyon.

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# Escape the beaten path

Try backcountry fishing for some of the rarest and most beautiful trout in the world

By Wendilyn Grasseschi

Anglers and fish enthusiasts looking for something different and unique will hit the jackpot when they hit the 395 and head up into the high Sierra lakes and streams that tumble down the steep eastern escarpment.

The rarest trout in the world, the wily, wild, Paiute cutthroat trout, lives in these waters and is making a comeback.

One of the most beautiful trout in the world, the aptly named golden trout, also lives in the high Sierra range, where its unique golden color reflects back the sunlit waters it evolved in millions of years ago and to this day, still calls home.

Although not as rare as the Paiute, the golden is still a fish that takes a bit of extra effort to find and catch, making it all the sweeter when the lightning-fast fish takes the line.

Then there are the more "ordinary" trout that fill so many of the rest of the Sierra's high country lakes and streams with non-Native but now truly wild trout which haven't seen the inside of a hatchery in dozens of generations; the rainbows and brook and browns, all ready to give the adventuresome angler a run for their money and time.

Add to that the fact that the lakes and streams themselves are located in some of the most beautiful mountains in the world, and it's a winning combination.

Even better, this summer looks like the weather will cooperate, after two big, very wet and snowy winters that cut off access to all but the lowest lakes in the Eastern Sierra until well into July.

"This is this is a weird winter," said California Fish and Wildlife Department fisheries biologist Jim



Photo by Wendilyn Grasseschi

Fishing in the Eastern Sierra backcountry makes for less-crowded shorelines and spectacular scenery, as well as rare trout species.

Erdman. He knows the Sierra backcountry better than most and despite the "weird winter," he thinks access this year will be better than in many past years.

"I have been in Bishop for 30-plus years and after two big winters ... this summer, I hope it is a normal, May 15 access, where I can get in there, then we have a normal four to five months," to fish and get into the backcountry, he said, noting last summer, there was so

much snow, the backcountry wasn't accessible until after July 1.

That said, it does take just a little bit more effort than a drive to a paved parking lot and a two-minute walk to a lake or stream to backcountry fish.

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rarest fish. Imagine turquoise waters clear as a bell surrounded by snow-covered peaks, fed by a silver river. Imagine the sound of perfect silence, broken only by the whoosh of your line, the light and delicate sound of the hook hitting the water.

What is backcountry fishing, say as compared to the kind of fishing an angler can do within a few minutes of your car, commonly called front-country fishing?

Any body of water more than a few minutes' walk from the car qualifies as a backcountry lake or stream.

To guide the angler to the Eastern Sierra's backcountry lakes and streams, Erdman has surveyed over 3,000 lakes, then written a digital guide (see link to the pdf version below) that is broken down into types of fish, conditions of lakes, directions, and more. Easily available at the link below, Erdman, who has been tromping these mountains for decades, throws in a bit of natural history to show why the Sierra is so full of trout-supporting backcountry lakes and streams.

"Geology and climate created the magic; shaping the high mountain lakes during the Pleistocene Age, where, from two million to 10,000 years ago, glaciers periodically covered the high country," he said in the guide. "They carved out cirque valleys and shallow basins that would later fill with snowmelt to become the lakes you see today."

Backcountry lakes and streams not only harbor rare, Native fish, like the golden, but also the more common, non-Natives like the rainbows and brook, which over time have become wild and self-sustaining in many lakes within a mile or more from a paved road.

For example, backcountry fishing can be as easy as a short stroll to the flat country right behind Saddlebag Lake, which is a short drive off the Tioga Pass Road.

There, the department gives nature a hand, stocking many of the lakes back there with fingerling-sized trout via helicopter drops.

Other lakes don't need the help, and now hold their own self-sustaining rainbow and brook populations. The golden trout noted above, while rare, can also often be accessed on a reasonable hike into the high country, Erdman said. While some golden populations are still managed by the department; a carefully guarded and cherished resource, still pure and wild, then stocked in places where the hike in is short enough to give enough anglers access to put a strain on the fishery without human intervention, such as the goldens flitting through the clear waters of the aptly named Crystal Lake above Mammoth Lakes.

Other lakes, like the high and lonely Red and Anna and Amy and Starr and Rust lakes, or the lakes above Piute Pass in the Humphrey's Basin, take a bit more effort.

It's still worth it, Erdman said.

"Goldens are not raised in a hatchery, they are a 'wild fish'," he said, noting that although the department helps the process by maintaining brood stock in the Cottonwood Lakes Basin, goldens throughout the Sierra stay wild, with only short stint in the hatcheries to gain weight.

"We hike into the lakes, we pack out the eggs, we raise them to a fingerling size, he said, then release them. They are never spawned, there is no domestication, no hatchery adaptations, they are all truly wild fish."

He noted that often, being in a hatchery "will shift when a fish spawns, because fish are sensitive to periods of day or temperatures." For example, he said, "as soon as temperatures hit above 40 degrees in the wild, fish begin spawning ... but in a hatchery, the temperatures never varies, so fish adapt to this. But wild fish, it is more variable. For example, we have big winter of 2016-17 the other big winter of 2018-19, where we could not get up to Cottonwood Lakes at all, until after they spawned, because of the snow up there. For example, last year, we could not get there until July 1 so we are hoping to get up there this year, and plant them this year in the backcountry."

For the most challenging, a longer hike leads to even more rewards. "Many of the Golden lakes are self-sustaining now," he said, most notably those in the French and Piute creek drainages. "They can get up a good spawn, there are not a lot of fishing pressure, we do not stock them," he said. "It takes a while to get to them but once there, there are plenty of golden to be caught."

The Paiute trout, even rarer than the golden, was until recently, only found in pure form in four miles of creek in the mountains above the little town of Walker, south of Topaz. In the years since, biologists have been working to clear the nearby creeks of non-Native brooks and rainbows, hoping to reintroduce the Paiute before it goes extinct.

"Not since the early 1900s have genetically pure Paiute cutthroat trout occupied the 11-mile stretch of Silver King Creek between Llewellyn Falls and Snodgrass Creek that represents almost the entirety of the fish's historic range," said the Fish and Wildlife

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service in a recent news release regarding the re-introduction of the fish back to their original habitat.

As of last summer, that changed, when the depart-

ment and many other cooperating agencies released a new generation of Paiutes back to the wild.

"This is a lifetime achievement for those working

to recover the rarest trout in North America," said Lee Ann Carranza, acting field supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Reno office. "This remarkable partnership has allowed Paiute cutthroat trout to be returned to their entire native range without threat from non-natives."

She noted the Paiute cutthroat trout was one of the first animals in the nation listed as endangered in 1967 under the federal Endangered Species Preservation Act of 1966, now known as the Endangered Species Act. "Only a fortuitous turn of events saved the species from disappearing altogether," she said. "In the early 1900s, Basque sheepherders moved some of the fish outside of their native range, upstream of Llewellyn Falls. The waterfalls served as a barrier to the non-native trout below and safeguarded a genetically pure population of Paiute cutthroat trout above the falls, providing government agencies and advocates the chance to recover the species in the future."

Last summer, they finally did so, planting the trout in a few creeks in the Carson Iceberg Wilderness, where Silver King Creek, rising from the snow-capped peaks above Sonora Pass, nurtured the wily fish in its last refuge.

Though the fish are still too few in numbers to be fished, the hope is down the road, the Paiutes will once again roam the waters of the Sierra. They are uniquely adapted to the more arid Eastern Sierra waters than non-Native trout and Erdman and others hope that the Paiute can add diversity and resilience to the Sierra fishery over time.

So go on.

Get out there and fish.



Photo by Wendilyn Grasseschi

A short hike is worth it for the spectacular view and fishing opportunities.

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Levi McCoy caught this Crowley Lake perch May 25, with his guide Dale Miller.



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# Fishing is fun – but safety first

Things to keep in mind while out on the water By Register staff

Fishing, being out on the water with family and friends should add up to a great time. But there are things that anglers should keep in mind to make sure their outings end up in enjoyable memories and not tragedies.

But the latest statistics from the U.S. Coast Guard shows that boating accidents can be fatal.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard's 2018 Recreational Boating Statistics, the Coast Guard counted 4,145 accidents that involved 633 deaths, 2,511 injuries and approximately \$46 million of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.

This compares to the U.S. Coast Guard's 2017 Recreational Boating Statistics, which showed 4,291 accidents that involved 658 deaths, 2,629 injuries and approximately \$46 million of damage to property as a result of those accidents.

Other highlights of the 2018 report include:

- The fatality rate was 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 3.6 percent decrease from the 2017 fatality rate of 5.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.

- Compared to 2017, the number of accidents decreased 3.4 percent, the number of deaths decreased 3.8 percent and the number of injuries decreased 4.5 percent.

- Where cause of death was known, 77 per-

cent of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 84 percent were not wearing a life jacket.

- Eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.

- Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 19 percent of deaths.

## **Know the weather and local conditions:**

Fishing is an activity done outdoors at all times of the year and fishermen are often exposed to extreme weather. Temperatures may be very hot or very cold – sometimes both at different times of the day. There may be violent storms, lightning, high winds and even the possibility of floods.

**Protect your head and body:** Wearing a Western-style hat with a broad brim that helps shade your face and neck is a good idea, as is a good pair of sunglasses, preferably polarized sunglasses preferred by most fisherman. Glasses also protect the eyes from blowing dust or an errant fish hook. Light, loose clothing that covers the arms and legs are best and add protection from the negative effects of the sun on the skin as well as provide some protection to the arms and legs if you travel through thickets and brush. Camouflage clothing helps to “blend in” to the environment for more productive fishing.

**Wear sturdy shoes:** Fishermen often do a lot of walking, so a good pair of shoes or sturdy boots are essential. If you walk into the water, it is a good idea to always wear footwear to protect your feet from sharp sticks, rocks, lost fishing hooks and broken glass.

**Fishing with kids:** Bring plenty of extra fishing tackle. Establish rules such as no running, always wearing shoes in or out of the water, always walking with the fishing rod pointing to the sky and never casting without looking behind you first. Never let children wander off alone unsupervised and always use the buddy system.

Young children should always wear a personal flotation device (i.e., life jacket) in or around water.

**Respect the outdoors:** Remember that whatever you pack in – pack it out. Don't leave trash and garbage behind that threatens wildlife and ruins the outdoor experience for others. Empty soda or beer cans, bottles, food wrappers, fishing line, fishing tackle and bait packaging and containers all degrade the environment.

**And finally, protect yourself from your fellow man:** Be polite and considerate! Don't allow young children to throw rocks or sticks in the water or create unnecessary splashing around other fishermen. Try not to be loud and obnoxious yourself. Aside from just being rude, it ruins both yours and their fishing experience.



Keep safety in mind while fishing, especially while boating.

File photo

# Fishing Etiquette

Unwritten laws of life you won't find in the regulations By Jarett Coons

For a society to function it must have rules, these laws are chiseled in stone and enforced by might. But what is fascinating is we also have rules that are not written and yet enforced not by anyone in a uniform, but by the people. These laws exist in every aspect of life, right is right, and unless you are overtaken by greed, impatience, or insecure narcissistic arrogance, things run smoothly. The same goes with fishing. As a guide I spend a ton of time on the water every year and get to witness all kinds of chaotic behavior; don't be one of these people.

## Give people space

This should go without saying but it is mind boggling how many people will just walk up and start fishing right next to you, even when there is plenty of empty places to fish. Don't do this! People come to the Sierra to experience the solitude and beauty of the outdoors, not to have you stand on their rod while they try and fish. If on the river, give them a couple bends, go around the corner out of sight. It is often I plan on fishing a certain hole only to find someone there when I arrive, oh well, that's fishing, and you will have to adapt. Who knows? You may find an even better spot than you intended, it has happened to me. I know it is not always easy and on a crowded day you might have to combat fish next to someone but always give everyone as much space as you can.

## Don't block the boat ramp

Ahh, the boat ramp. If you want to see something hilarious just hang around a marina or boat launch and you are almost guaranteed to see something go down, especially if there is a jet ski there! Whether at the marina, or a put-in/take-out on the river your only concern should be quickly backing your trailer to the water, launching your boat and getting out of the way so the next guy can do it, that's it! Have everything ready BEFORE you get to the ramp! Don't start loading the boat while your trailer is in the water or walk away and go use the restroom, other people are waiting on you to launch their boats.

If you are on the Lower Owens consider any road that gets near the bank of the river a boat ramp. Driftboats and duckboats run the river and use these places to launch, even if the boat must be pushed a little way. Usually, we try and keep our trailers out of the way where we plan to take out so if you see a vehicle with a boat trailer parked at a spot, they are likely planning on taking out there at the end of their drift. Sometimes trips can run short due to unseen circumstances, or god forbid an emergency forces you to take out anywhere you can. Most of these places have plenty of room for you to park close to the river and still leave room for a trailer to get to the water. It's just common courtesy and can save precious seconds in an emergency.

## You are a guest here, act like it

I guess you could say I saved the best for last and this one goes for on and off the water, especially off the water. I was born here in Bishop and am of Paiute decent, so I am very protective of my home. I was taught that when you go to another town or place you are a guest in someone else's home, and you need to respect it as such. It sometimes seems along the lines this ideology was lost and even reversed with some people. Littering is an actual law and I can't believe I even have to say it but please don't throw your trash or dump your ashtray out on the ground. You wouldn't do that in your own home, or, maybe you would. Either way don't do it here.

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It seems that unwritten laws could be chalked up to common courtesy and common sense. These are just a couple of the biggest offences I see on a regular basis. Most people abide by this and understand the concept but sadly the percentage of those who don't is growing.

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 Ron Lambert, 84 years old, is a vision impaired fisherman. He caught this 3.5-pound brown trout on Monday, April 29, on the Owens River by Warm Springs. He still enjoys fishing despite his inability to see well.



Photo courtesy Jarett Coons  
 A junior angler gets a bass on a Trout in the Classroom field trip.



Photo courtesy Mike Harris  
 Mike Harris is a very happy fisherman who caught this 2-pound, 18-inch lunker on Opening Day 2019, April 27.



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 Christy Coons caught a little wild trout on the fly at Rock Creek.



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# Hot Spots of Mono County

A quick guide to popular fisheries By Register Staff

**M**ono County has no shortage of fishing “hot spots,” whether anglers are looking for calm fly fishing streams, rugged backcountry

lakes teeming with feisty fish or sprawling waters perfect for trolling. California Department of Fish and Wildlife planting schedules, including exact locations, are subject to change.

## BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR

Turn north off U.S. 395 at S.R. 182 at the south city limits of Bridgeport and continue for approximately three miles to the lake.

## BUCKEYE CREEK

Travel U.S. 395 to the west end of Bridgeport and turn south at Twin Lakes Road. Continue for about eight miles and turn right on Buckeye Creek Road located at Doc and Al's Resort. Proceed for another four miles to where the road crosses the creek. Trout are planted from this location upstream.

## CONVICT LAKE AND CREEK

Travel U.S. 395 to 10 miles south of Mammoth Lakes and turn west on Convict Lake Road. Continue approximately two miles to the lake.

## CROWLEY LAKE

The most popular Eastern Sierra fishing lake, Crowley is located 25 miles north of Bishop just off U.S. 395. Turn east at the Crowley Lake sign to enter at the south end of the lake. Drive farther north on U.S. 395 to Benton Crossing Road. Turn east and follow road to the north lake entrance.

## DEADMAN CREEK

Travel U.S. 395 to nine miles north of Mammoth Lakes junction. Turn west on White Wing Camp Road and drive six miles to Deadman Campground. The creek is planted in the campground area.

## ELLERY LAKE

Drive U.S. 395 to one-half mile south of the town of Lee Vining and turn west on S.R. 120, Tioga Pass Road. The lake is located about 12 miles away on the south side of the road.

## GLASS CREEK

Drive 10 miles north of Mammoth Lakes on U.S. 395 and turn west on the road located across from Crestview Maintenance Station. Continue for one-half mile to the creek crossing.

## GRANT LAKE

Turn west off U.S. 395 onto the June Lake Loop Road, north. Continue to the lake.

## GULL LAKE

Turn west off U.S. 395 onto the June Lake Loop Road, south. Continue through June Lake Village to Gull Lake.

## JUNE LAKE

Turn west off U.S. 395 onto June Lake Loop Road, south. June Lake is approximately one mile from the turnoff.

## KIRMAN LAKE

From Bridgeport, head north on U.S. 395 for

about 17 miles. Turn left on S.R. 108 heading west toward Sonora Pass for about 2 miles. Off of the south shoulder and before the Sonora Bridge Campground will be a parking area leading to the Kirman Lake trailhead.

## LAKE GEORGE

Drive on U.S. 395 to the Mammoth Lakes turnoff and continue on Main Street (Lake Mary Road) and continue past Twin Lakes and bear right at the fork in the road to Lake Mary and follow the Forest Service signs to Lake George.

## LAKE MAMIE

Drive on U.S. 395 to the Mammoth Lakes turnoff and continue on Main Street (Lake Mary Road) past Twin Lakes, turning right where Lake Mary Road splits. Go straight.

## LAKE MARY

Drive on U.S. 395 to the Mammoth Lakes turnoff and continue on Main Street (Lake Mary Road) past Twin Lakes and bear left at the fork in the road to Lake Mary.

## LAUREL CREEK

Travel U.S. 395 to four miles south of the Mammoth Lakes turnoff. Turn west on Sherwin Creek Road and continue a short distance to the first stream crossing.

## LEE VINING CREEK

Drive one-half mile south of the town of Lee Vining on U.S. 395 and turn west on S.R. 120. Access to the creek is available via campgrounds on the south side of the road and via Poole Power Plant Road.

## LEE VINING CREEK, SOUTH FORK

Travel one-quarter mile south of Lee Vining on U.S. 395 and turn west on S.R. 120. Continue on S.R. 120 for 15 miles to just past Ellery Lake. The creek is planted from the west end of Ellery Lake to Tioga Lake.

## LUNDY LAKE

Turn west off U.S. 395 at Lundy Lake Road, located seven miles north of the town of Lee Vining. Continue west on Lundy Lake Road to the lake.

## MAMMOTH CREEK

Drive on U.S. 395 to S.R. 203 (the road to the town of Mammoth Lakes), and turn west. Drive to Mammoth Lakes and turn left on Old Mammoth Road. Continue to Mammoth Creek Road just before the bridge and turn left. The creek is planted at access points from the bridge downstream to Old U.S. 395.

## MCGEE CREEK

Drive 28 miles north of Bishop on U.S.

395 and turn west on McGee Creek Road. Continue one-quarter mile south on Old U.S. 395 to McGee Pack Station Road. The creek is planted off access roads from Old U.S. 395 to Upper Campground.

## OWENS RIVER, SECTION I

Drive 35 miles north of Bishop on U.S. 395 and turn east on Benton Crossing Road. Continue on Benton Crossing Road to the bridge.

## OWENS RIVER SECTION IV

Drive U.S. 395 to approximately eight miles north of the Mammoth Lakes turnoff and turn east on Big Springs Road. Continue for five miles and then turn north at the Big Springs Campgrounds turnoff.

## REVERSE CREEK

Take U.S. 395 to the June Lake Loop Road, south, and turn west. Continue past June and Gull lakes to the point where the road crosses the creek.

## ROBINSON CREEK

Travel U.S. 395 to Twin Lakes Road at the north end of Bridgeport and turn south. The creek is planted at access points all along Twin Lakes Road to Lower Twin Lakes.

## ROCK CREEK

From U.S. 395, turn west at Tom's Place located 23 miles north of Bishop (Rock Creek Road). The creek parallels the road – first on the south, then the north and then south again – all the way to the outlet at Rock Creek Lake, and is planted at various points along the route.

## ROOSEVELT LAKE

From Bridgeport, head north on U.S. 395 for about 17 miles. Turn left on S.R. 108 heading west. Just across from the Marine Corps Training Center is the trailhead through Leavitt Meadow to both Lane and Roosevelt lakes after 3.2 miles. Check special regulations.

## RUSH CREEK

Drive on U.S. 395 to the June Lake Loop Road, south and turn west. Continue to Silver Lake. The creek is planted at access points from the Southern California Edison power plant bridge, north to the lake, and in Silver Lake Campground located north of the lake, and for approximately one-quarter mile north of the campgrounds.

## SADDLEBAG LAKE AND CREEK

Drive U.S. 395 to one-half mile south of the town of Lee Vining and turn west on S.R. 120. Continue for approximately 16 miles to the Saddlebag Lake turnoff and drive to the lake at the end of the dirt road.

## SHERWIN CREEK

Drive on U.S. 395 to S.R. 203 (the road to the town of Mammoth Lakes), and turn west. Drive to Mammoth Lakes and turn left on Old Mammoth Road. After the bridge, take a left on Sherwin Creek Road and drive three miles to Sherwin Creek Campground. The creek is planted from access roads on both sides of Sherwin Creek Road at Sherwin Creek Campground.

## SILVER LAKE

Turn west off U.S. 395 at the South June Lake Loop Road and continue past June Lake and June Lake Village to Silver Lake.

## SWAUGER CREEK

Drive to the dirt road located nine miles north of Bridgeport and turn east. The creek parallels U.S. 395.

## TIOGA LAKE

Travel U.S. 395 to one-half mile south of the town of Lee Vining to S.R. 120, the Tioga Pass Road. Turn west and continue for 18 miles to the lake, located just outside the entrance to Yosemite National Park.

## TOPAZ LAKE

The lake is located in northern Mono County on the California-Nevada border just off U.S. 395.

## TRUMBULL LAKE

Drive U.S. 395 to the top of Conway Summit, 17 miles north of the town of Lee Vining, and turn west on Virginia Lakes Road. The lake is on the right side of the road near Virginia Lakes Resort area.

## TWIN LAKES BRIDGEPORT

Turn south off U.S. 395 onto Twin Lakes Road located at the north end of Bridgeport and continue to the lakes.

## TWIN LAKES MAMMOTH

Drive U.S. 395 to Mammoth Lakes Road (S.R. 203), 12 miles north of Crowley Lake, and turn west. Twin Lakes are about seven miles up the road.

## VIRGINIA LAKES AND CREEK

Travel U.S. 395 to the top of Conway Summit, 17 miles north of the town of Lee Vining, and turn west on Virginia Lakes Road. The lakes are at the end of the road; the creek follows the road.

## WEST WALKER RIVER

Begin at Leavitt Meadow and on S.R. 108 and continue north along U.S. 395 through the canyon. Access the river from the bridges at “The Lanes”: Eastside Lane, Larson Lane, Cunningham Lane and Topaz Lane all located off U.S. 395. Please respect the ranchers and stay below the high water line along the river.



# TOPAZ LAKE – WEST WALKER RIVER – SONORA PASS





# BRIDGEPORT – TWIN LAKES – VIRGINIA LAKES



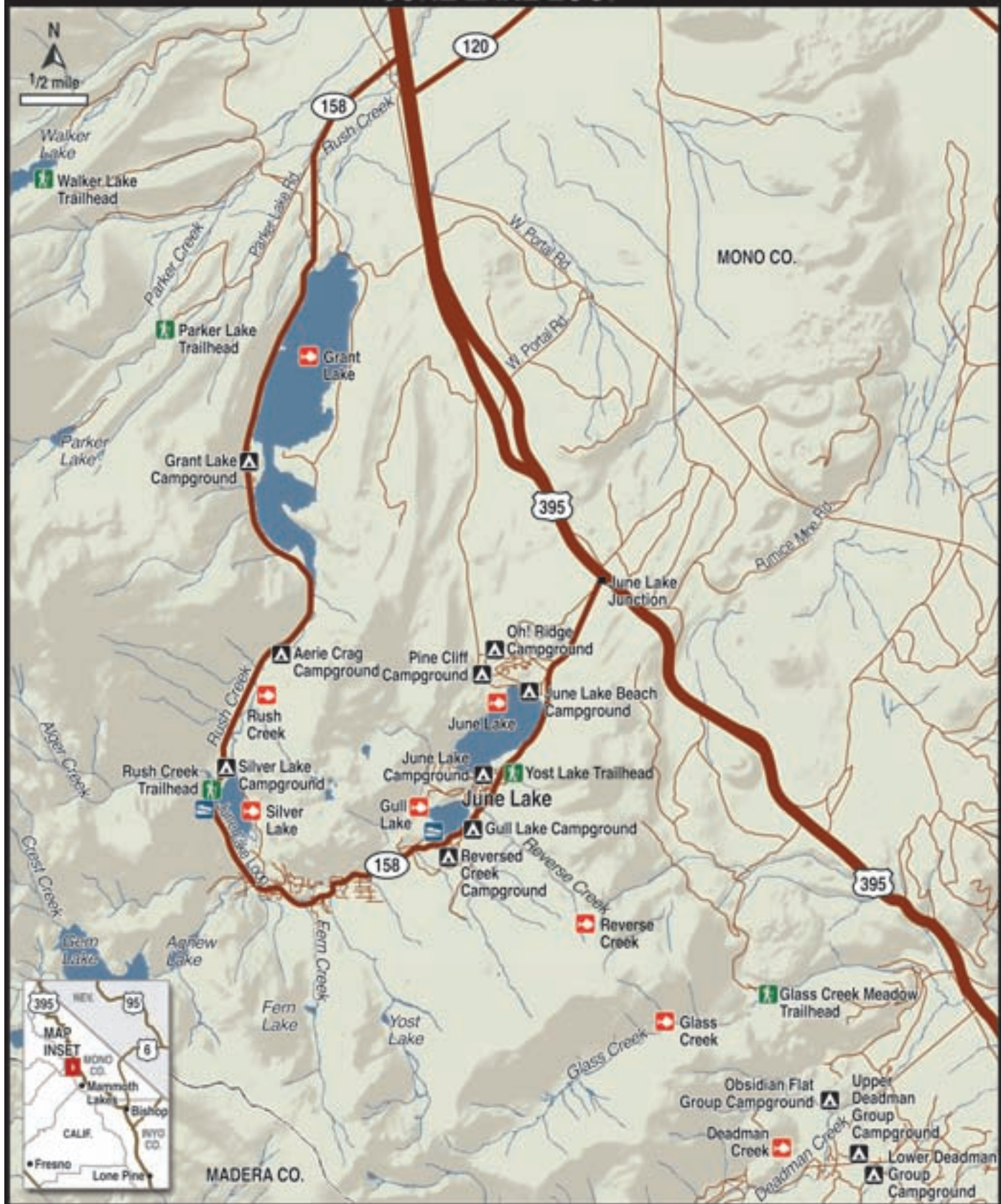


This detailed map of the Tioga Pass area shows a network of trails, campgrounds, and lakes. Key features include:

- Trails:** Marked with green 'T' icons, including Lundy Canyon Trailhead, Lakes Canyon Trailhead, Saddlebag Lake Trailhead, Warren Fork Trailhead, Tioga Junction Trailhead, Bennevillie Trailhead, Ellery Lake Trailhead, Nunatak-Tioga Tarns Trailhead, Gibbs Lake Trailhead, and Walker Lake Trailhead.
- Campgrounds:** Indicated by red tent icons, such as Trumbull Lake Campground, Saddlebag Lake Campground, Warren Fork Campground, Ellery Lake Campground, Big Bend Campground, Aspen Campground, Moraine Campground, and Grant Lake Campground.
- Lakes:** Numerous lakes are shown in blue, including Summit Lake, Onion Lake, Shepherd Lake, Cascade Lake, Greenstone Lake, Cogness Lake, Alpine Lake, Big Horn Lake, Skelton Lakes, Granite Lakes, Gaylor Lakes, Dana Lake, Kidney Lake, Gibbs Lake, Walker Lake, Upper Sardine Lake, and Mono Lake.
- Geography:** The map shows the boundary between Mono County (MONO CO.) and Tuolumne County (TUOLUMNE CO.), and the location of Yosemite National Park.
- Infrastructure:** Major roads like Highway 395 and Highway 120 are shown. Mono City and Lee Vining are also marked.
- Inset Map:** A small inset map in the bottom left corner shows the region's location within California, highlighting the Tioga Pass area with a red square.

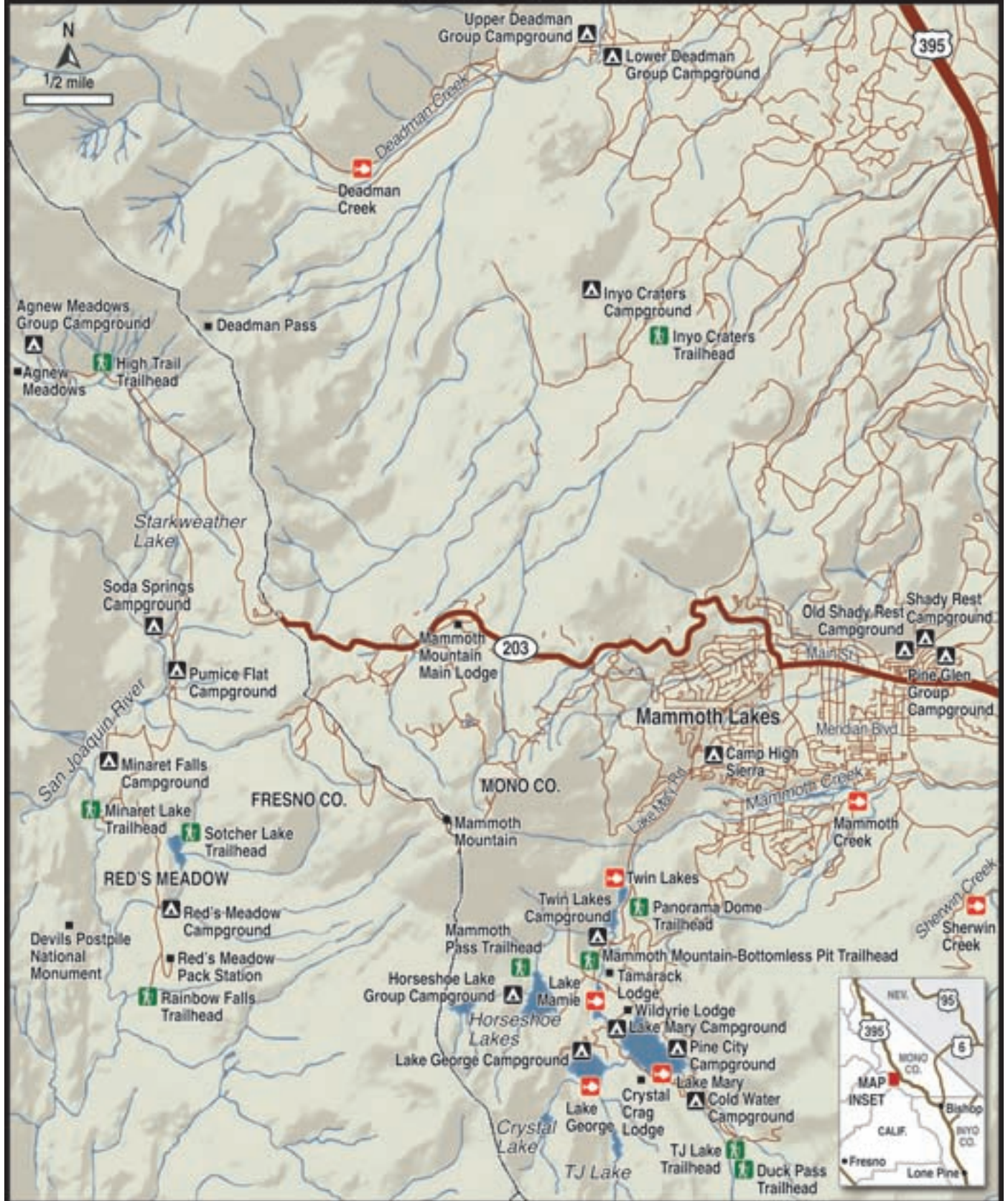


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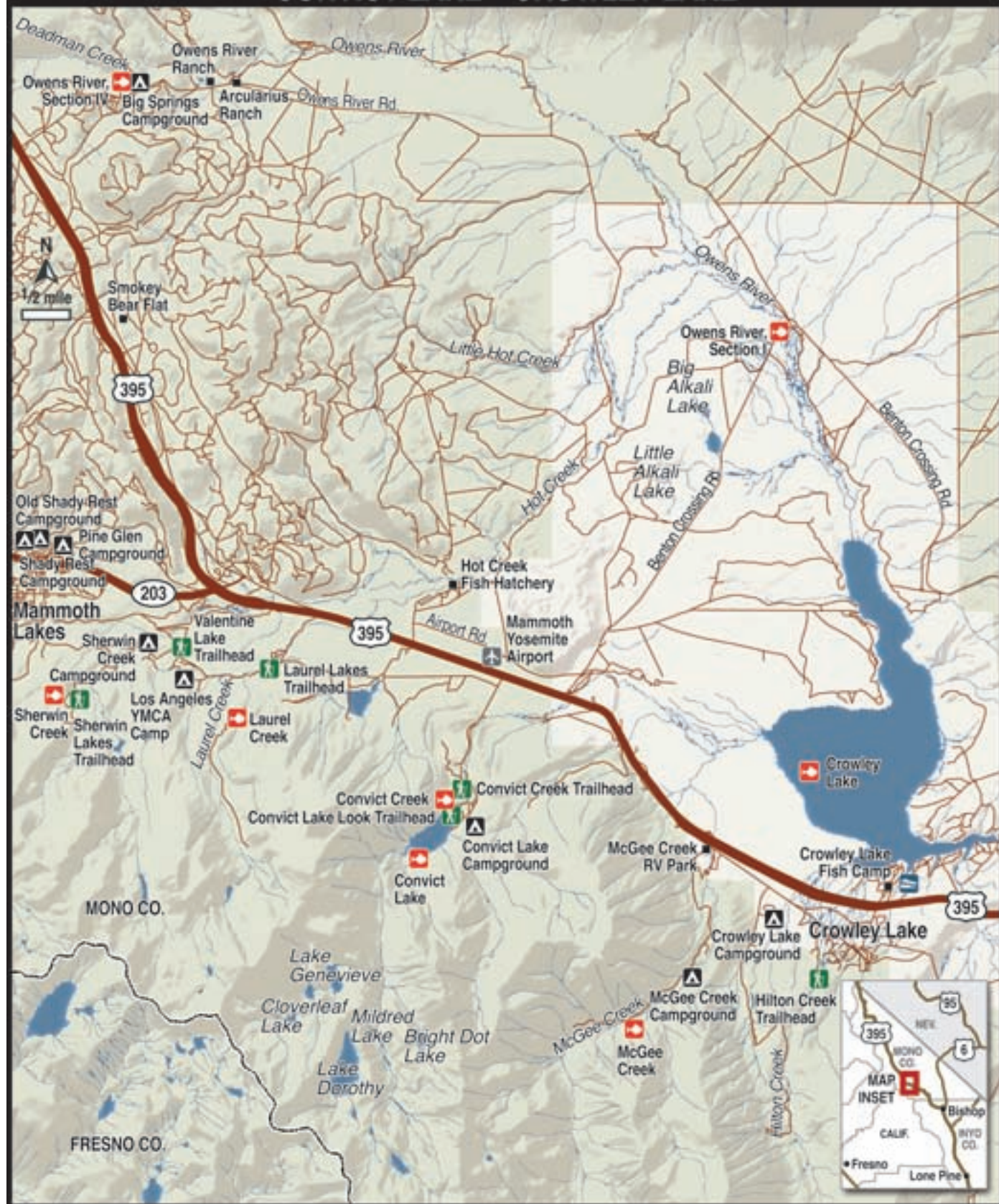


# MAMMOTH LAKES AREA



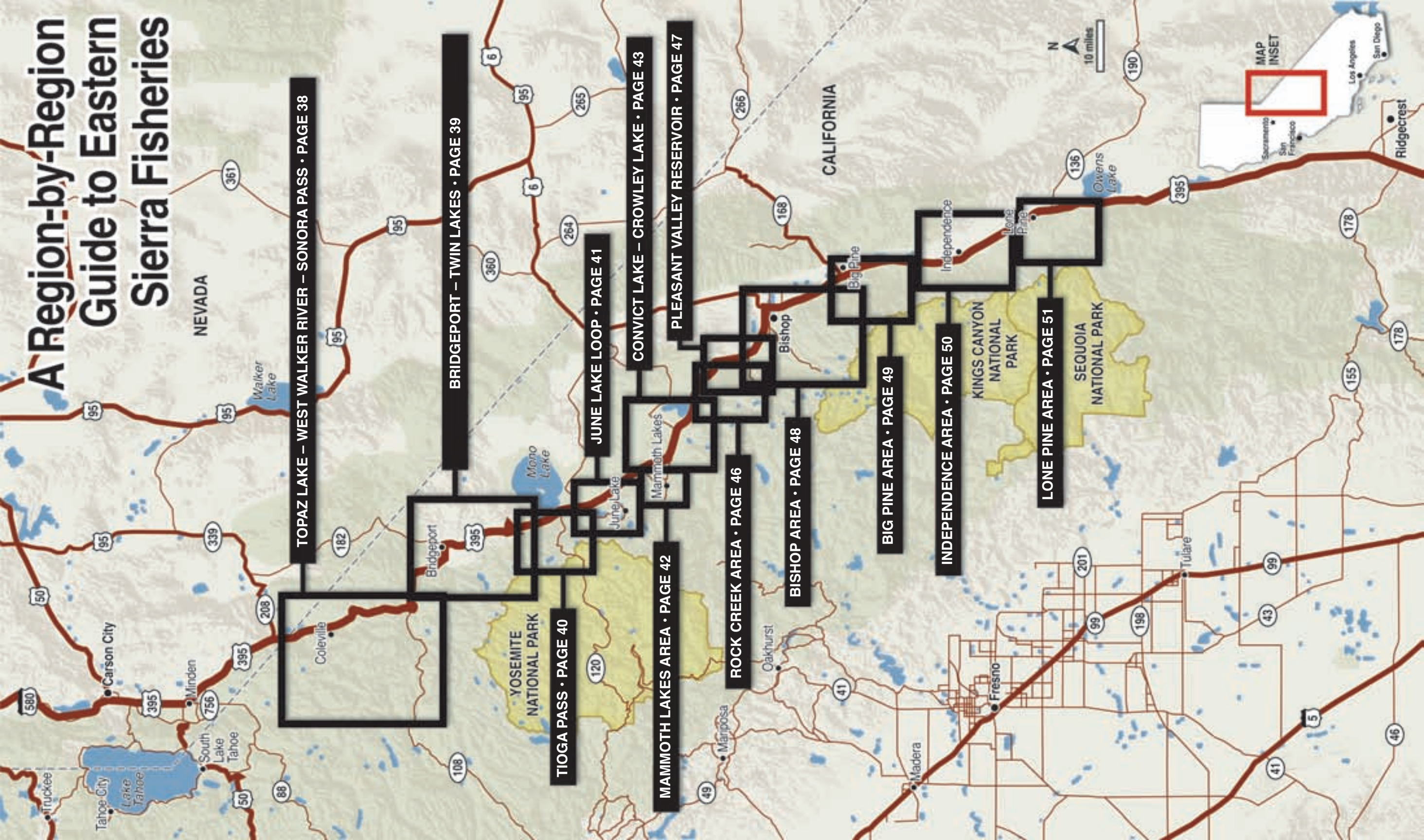


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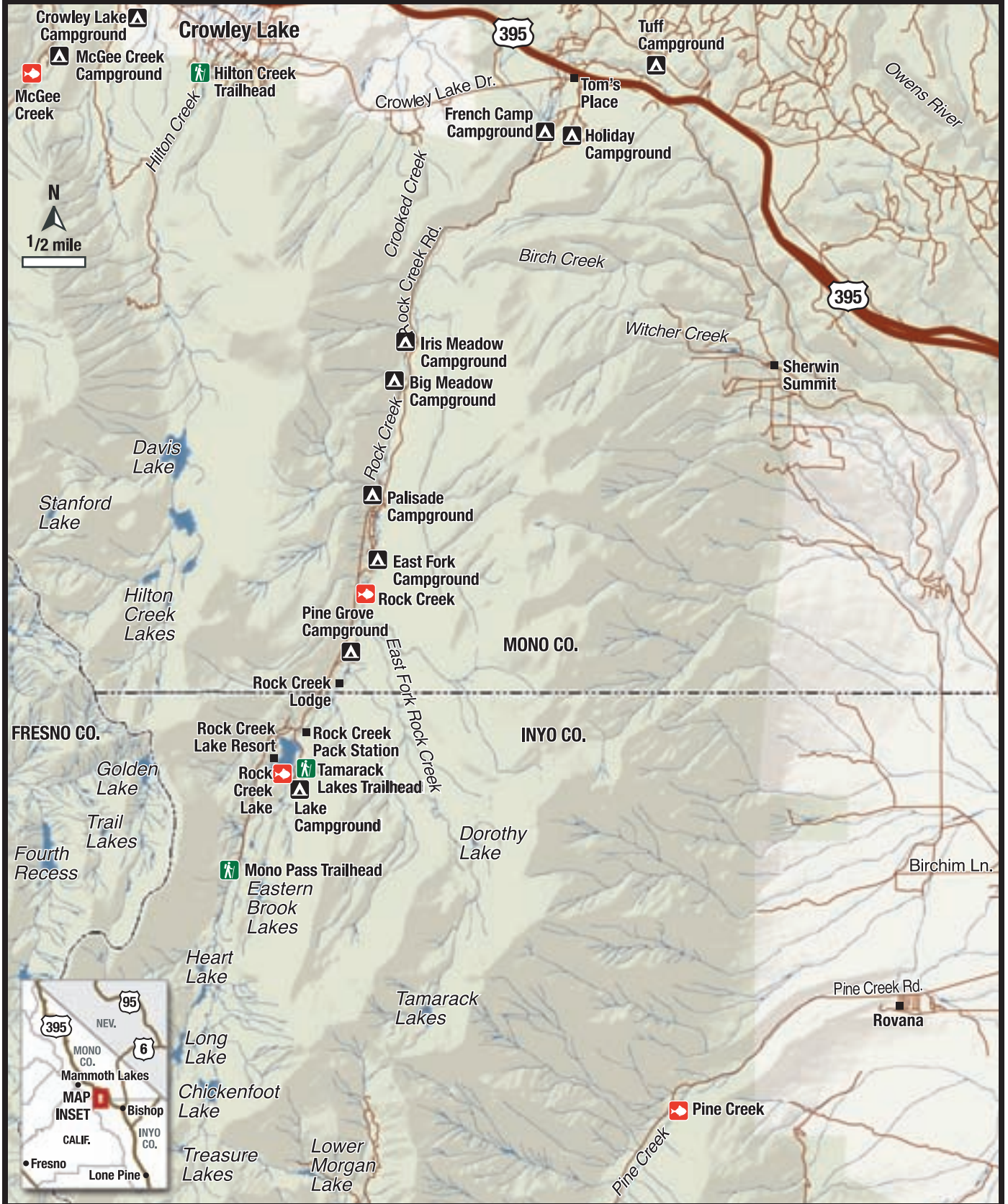


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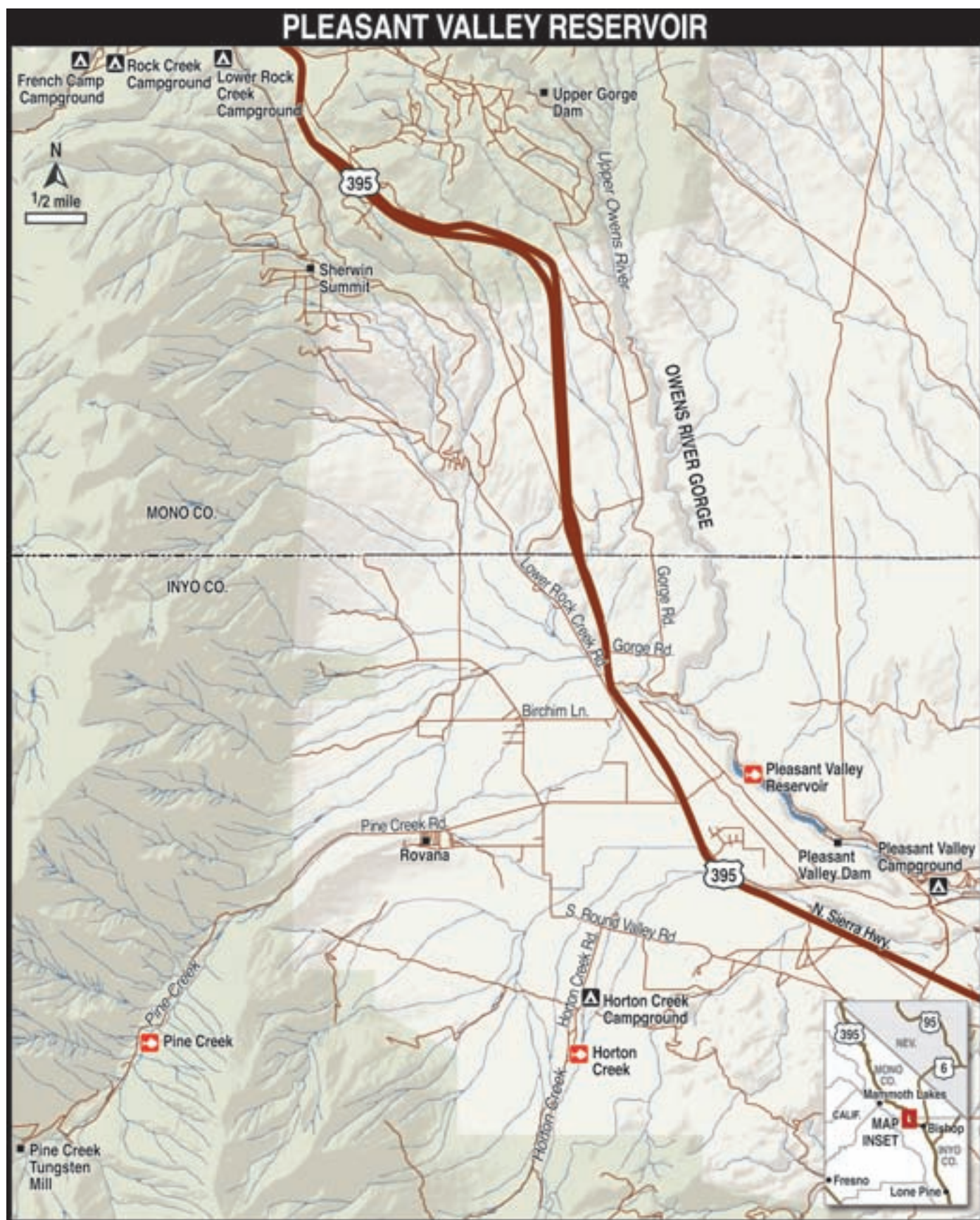




# ROCK CREEK AREA









**BISHOP AREA**

This map provides a comprehensive view of the Bishop Area in Inyo County, California. It highlights the following features:

- Geography:** The map shows the rugged terrain of the area, including the Owens River and various creeks such as Bishop Creek, Horton Creek, and McGee Creek. Several lakes are depicted, including Horton Lake, Longley Lake, and the numerous lakes in the Aspendell area.
- Infrastructure:** Major roads are clearly marked, including Highway 395 (running north-south), Highway 168 (running east-west), and Highway 6 (running north-south). Local roads like Pine Creek Rd, S. Bound Valley Rd, and N. Sierra Hwy are also shown.
- Recreation:** The map identifies numerous recreational spots, including campgrounds (e.g., Pleasant Valley, Horton Creek, Big Trees, Forks, Four Jeffrey, Andrews, Mountain Glen, Aspen Meadow, Table Mountain, Willow, Parckers, Baker-Green, Sage Flat, North Fork Big Pine, Upper Sage Flat, Glacier Lodge, Big Pine Creek, Birch), trailheads (e.g., Horton Lakes, Aspendell, Tyee, South Lake-Bishop Pass, Treasure Lakes, Sage Flat, North Fork Big Pine, Glacier Lodge, Big Pine Creek, Birch), and the Millpond Recreation Area.
- Urban and Key Locations:** The city of Bishop is centrally located. Other notable locations include Aspendell, Keough's Hot Springs, and the Eastern Sierra Regional Airport.
- Inset Map:** A map inset in the bottom left corner shows the location of the Bishop Area within the state of California, near the Nevada border, with major cities like Fresno and Lone Pine indicated.

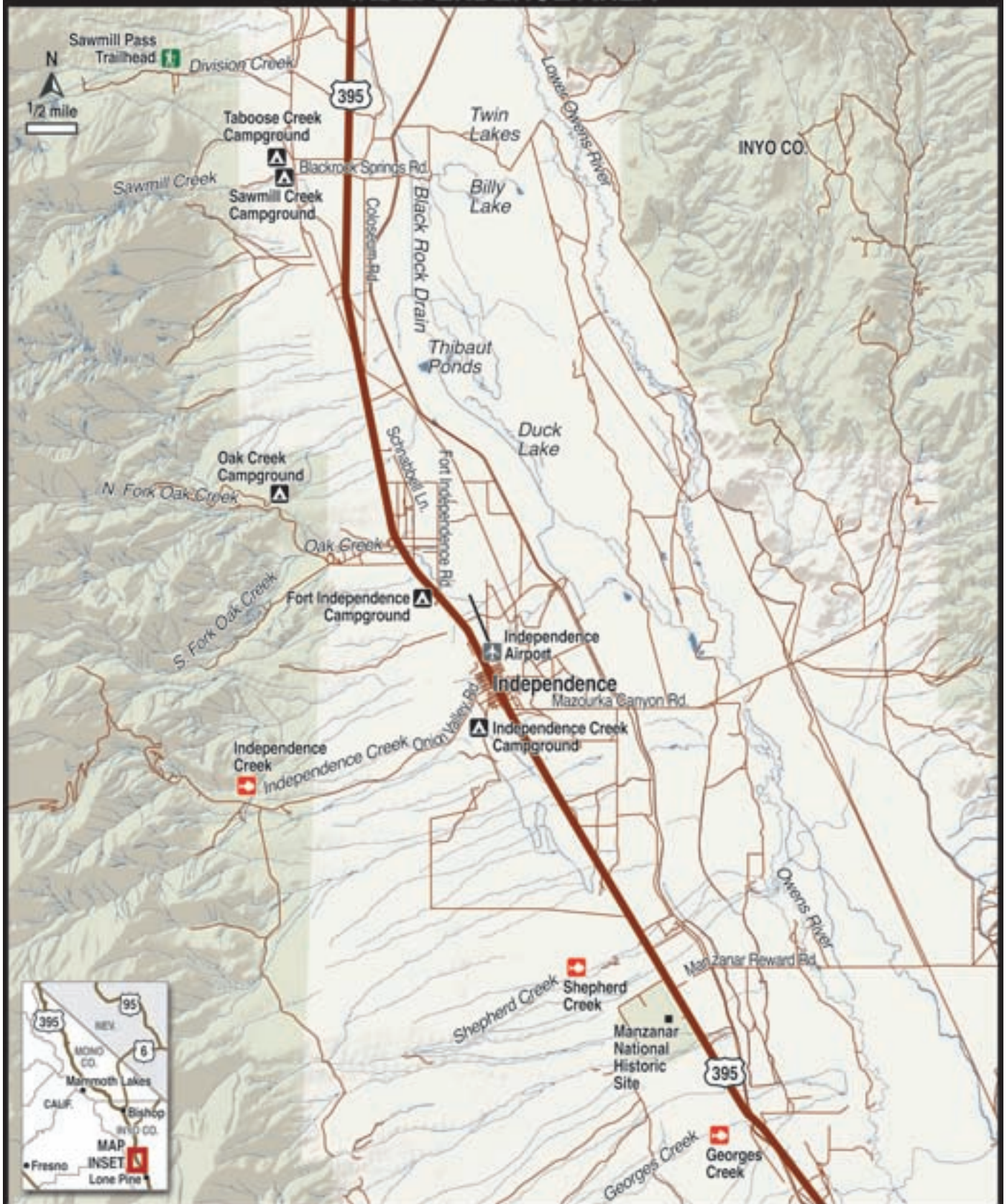


# BIG PINE AREA





# INDEPENDENCE AREA





# LONE PINE AREA





# Hot Spots of Inyo County

A quick guide to popular fisheries By Register Staff

**F**rom Cottonwood Creek south of Lone Pine, to Rock Creek Lake north of Round Valley, Inyo County is home to dozens of

angling "hot spots." Here's a look at some of the most popular, and how to get there. California Department of Fish and Wildlife planting schedules, including exact locations, are subject to change.

## BAKER CREEK

Take U.S. 395 to the north end of Big Pine. Turn west on Baker Creek Road just north of the ballfield in Big Pine and travel one mile to the campgrounds. Fish are planted in the campground area.

## BIG PINE CREEK

Turn west off U.S. 395 on Crocker Street in Big Pine and continue to the top of the grade. The creek is planted from Sage Flat Campgrounds to Glacier Lodge.

## BISHOP CREEK, LOWER

Take U.S. 395 to the town of Bishop. Turn west on W. Line Street and continue to Elks (Bulpitt) and Isaak Walton parks. Plants are made upstream from Elks Park to the Poweline Road.

## BISHOP CREEK, UPPER

Turn west on W. Line Street in Bishop and continue 15 miles to Intake II. Trout are planted from Intake II to Cardinal Lodge and from Lake Sabrina downstream to the North Lake turnoff.

## BISHOP CREEK, SOUTH FORK

From Bishop turn west on W. Line Street and continue to the South Lake turnoff just below Intake II, and turn at the fork. The creek is planted at access points from Creekside RV to the U.S. Forest Service Campgrounds, and from Parcher's Resort to Weir Lake.

## COTTONWOOD CREEK

From U.S. 395 turn south at the Cottonwood Power House turnoff located about eight miles south of Lone Pine. Keep to the left as you cross the Los Angeles Aqueduct. The creek is planted from the campgrounds at the power house intake to the end of the road.

## DIAZ LAKE

Located on the west side of U.S.

395, two miles south of Lone Pine.

## GEORGES CREEK

About seven miles south of Independence on U.S. 395 turn south on the small road located one-quarter mile northwest of the Los Angeles Aqueduct crossing. The fish are planted at the sand trap.

## GOODALE CREEK

Travel U.S. 395 14 miles north of Independence and turn west at the Goodale Creek campground sign, then go two miles to campground. The creek is stocked from the campground to Aberdeen.

## INDEPENDENCE CREEK

Turn west off U.S. 395 on Market Street next to the Post Office in Independence. Trout are planted from Independence Campground, located one-half mile west of Independence, to where the main road crosses the creek above Seven Pines Village, a distance of about seven miles.

## INTAKE II

Turn west at W. Line Street (S.R. 168) in Bishop, and go about 13 miles until you see signs for Intake II.

## LONE PINE CREEK, LOWER

From U.S. 395 turn west at the traffic signal located in the center of Lone Pine (Whitney Portal Road). The creek is planted at access points from the Los Angeles Aqueduct to Lone Pine Campgrounds.

## LONE PINE CREEK, UPPER

Travel U.S. 395 to Lone Pine. Turn west at the traffic signal located in the center of Lone Pine (Whitney Portal Road), and continue up the grade for 13 miles. Fish are planted at the campgrounds along the creek from this point to the pond at Whitney Portal store.

## NORTH LAKE

From U.S. 395 turn west on W. Line

Street in Bishop and continue up the grade for approximately 16 miles. Turn right at North Lake sign.

## OWENS RIVER, SECTION II

In the Bishop area, turn east from U.S. 395 on E. Line Street, U.S. 6, Warm Springs Road or Collins Road. Trout are planted from Laws Bridge on U.S. 6 to Collins Road. In the Big Pine area travel east from U.S. 395 on Westgard Pass Road (S.R. 168). The river is planted here.

## OWENS RIVER, SECTION III

Accessed via various dirt roads east of U.S. 395 from 10 miles south of Big Pine to just south of Boulder Creek RV Park. To get to "High Banks," turn east on Mazourka Canyon Road, south of Independence. Along the way as the road parallels the river; scout out your own personal spot for future reference. To get to the pools north of the pump-back station, drive to the south end of Lone Pine to Boulder Creek RV Park, then take a left on the long, straight dirt road leading east to the terminus of the river and the pumpback station. From there, another dirt road on the east side of the river leads north to the pools.

## PLEASANT VALLEY RESERVOIR

From Bishop, take U.S. 395 as it curves northwest toward Mammoth Lakes. About 10 miles later, a few miles past the Bishop city limits sign, there will be a turn-off on the right. Pass through the campground to the reservoir.

## PINE CREEK

Travel U.S. 395 to approximately 10 miles north of Bishop. Turn off on Pine Creek Road and drive west to where the road crosses the creek.

## ROCK CREEK LAKE

From U.S. 395, turn west at Tom's Place located 23 miles north of Bishop (Rock Creek Road) and pro-

ceed west up the canyon for about 10 miles. Just beyond Rock Creek Lake Resort, a spur to the left leads to the lake; staying on Rock Creek Road bypasses the lake.

## LAKE SABRINA

Drive to Bishop on U.S. 395 and turn west on W. Line Street. Follow the signs to the lake which is located approximately 17 miles southwest of Bishop.

## SHEPHERD CREEK

Turn east at the road with a cattle guard located approximately five miles south of Independence on U.S. 395. Follow this road until it ends at the Los Angeles Aqueduct. Turn right and continue to the creek. Trout are planted at the sand trap where the road meets the creek.

## SOUTH LAKE

Travel to Bishop via U.S. 395 and turn west on W. Line Street (S.R. 168). Continue for approximately 13 miles to the South Lake Road turnoff. Turn left and drive for another six miles to the lake.

## TABOOSE CREEK

Travel U.S. 395 to 14 miles north of Independence and turn west at the Taboose Creek Campgrounds sign. Turn left at the first road past Old U.S. 395 and continue to the stream. The creek is stocked in the campgrounds from Old U.S. 395 to one mile upstream.

## TUTTLE CREEK

Travel U.S. 395 to Lone Pine and turn west at the traffic signal in the center of town. Continue up the road (Whitney Portal Road) for three miles to Horseshoe Meadow Road and turn left. Drive for about two miles to the Tuttle Creek Campgrounds. The creek is planted at access points in the campgrounds.





Christy Coons puts bend after bend in her new custom flyrod on Hot Creek, giving new meaning to the phrase "Fish like a girl."

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# Passing on the passion in Bishop Creek Canyon

Creekside RV Park – a fishing camp with a history

By Fish Story Lori

Bishop Creek Canyon is a paradise, a photographer's wonderland and one of the most beautiful places you can see in all of California. It's a 20-minute drive from Bishop with snow-covered 13,000-foot peaks. It's absolutely breathtaking with magnificent, indescribable beauty.

Fishing in and around Bishop has always been a passion of Nick Scira and his entire family. The family of Nick's mom, Donna Scira, had been camping, fishing and hunting in this area since the early 1940s. Donna's uncle, Walter Wilms, was the very first Bishop Chamber of Commerce president/manager as a volunteer.

Nick's dad and mom, Ron and Donna, met and married in November 1966 and together they continued the family legacy, camping and fishing in the Bishop area, especially Bishop Creek Canyon. They had three children, who they taught to fish, camp, hike and enjoy the outdoors.

In the summer of 1980 they noticed a "For Sale" sign at a place called Habegggers Resort in



Photo courtesy Lori Carnahan  
Lori and Tim Carnahan show off their catches at Creekside RV Park from a fishing trip to South Lake in Bishop Creek Canyon.

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Bishop Creek Canyon. It had opened originally in 1951. They quickly seized the opportunity, purchasing Habegggers Resort in the summer of 1981. At that time, their children were 3, 5 and 12 years old.

In 1981, a public fishing pond called Em's Pond across Habegggers Lane from the park sadly closed to the public. Ron knew his customers would really miss the pond and since Ron and Donna had some vacant land near their resort store, Ron got permission from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to dig and put in a pond with the thought that their customers and the public would still have a fishing pond in the same area. He took his idea to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Fish and Wildlife with the understanding that the DFW would stock the pond.

The Department of Agriculture drew up the plans for the pond. The digging for the pond was done by Ron in 1981 and supervised by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The new pond was named by one of the DFW stocking guys. He really liked Ron and he made a sign: "Ron's Pond" and presented it to Ron. The first stocking of the new Ron's Pond, was in 1982.

In the early 90s, Ron and Donna realized people had a hard time pronouncing Habegggers. Phone numbers and area codes were changing in the early 90s, and people were having trouble remembering the name. It seemed like a good time for a name change. In 1992 they had a



Photo courtesy Creekside RV Park  
Young Nick, his brother, and their father Ron at Creekside RV Park in the 1980s.

contest and asked for ideas for renaming the resort. The contest winner was Creekside R.V. Park and the name was officially changed in 1992.

In 1996, Ron started brain storming ways to get more customers. He figured stocking bigger trout would attract more people to the resort. One day, while he was on his way home, Ron saw a sign that said "Adopt a Highway" and he

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## CREEKSIDE, from pg. 55

thought – “Adopt a Creek!”

He started walking Main Street in Bishop, talking to all the businesses, trying to promote donations for stocking lunger trout in the local creeks and lakes to draw in more anglers and customers to Bishop and its businesses. While on the stomp up and down the Bishop Main Street, Ron met Richard McWilliam, founder and CEO of Upper Deck-Baseball card company. Fascinated with the idea, Richard kickstarted the Adopt a Creek program with its first donation. Many donors followed including Eric Schat's Bakkery and the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce. Thus the idea was born. Ron was aware that Alpers Trout Ranch could provide lunger size trout from 3 to 10 pounds and could provide a regular Alper Trout lunkers stocking schedule through the entire season. Ron created an “Adopt a Creek” newsletter, and everyone who donated received the mailings of the schedule for trout stocking dates along with pictures of anglers holding the lunkers. Now everyone could plan their spring, summer, or fall vacation knowing they could possibly catch the huge, trophy lunger trout of a lifetime.

Alex and Debi Yerkes of Alex Printing in Bishop donated the printing, payment coupons and any other printing that was needed for the Adopt A Creek program for the entire duration of the time Adopt A Creek ran. After 16 years dealing with some health issues, Ron decided it was too much for him, and Adopt A Creek ended.

Currently there still is a trophy trout stocking program in Bishop Creek Canyon. It is coordinated by Jared Smith of Pachers Resort, as well as all the neighboring businesses and resort owners who pitch in funds. The program is assisted by Tawni Thomson of the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce. Currently Wrights Rainbows from Idaho and Desert Springs Trout Farms from Oregon provide supplemental trophy trout stockings periodically throughout the summer and fall,

so if they're lucky, fishermen can still land a trophy trout.

In 2017, it was apparent that Ron and Donna had to sell the Creekside RV Park due to family health issues. Their son Nick, a journeyman electrician for over 20 years, showed an incredible interest in taking over the park. Ever since he was three years old, Nick had been coming up to the park with his family, fishing and loving the mountains and scenery. Nick has loved to fish for as long as he can remember and really enjoys fishing with his dad and his friends. He also has always enjoyed watching and helping others catch trout, telling them where to fish and what bait to use – always including a story about that perfect fishing spot. Nick has made so many great friends at Creekside over the years. His passion and love for fishing and for Creekside, where he spent most summers as he grew up, is infectious.

In January of 2019, Nick Scira proudly assumed ownership of Creekside RV Park. Nick has worked continuously improving the park. Wi-fi is offered throughout the park. They offer full hook-ups for RV sites up to 42 feet, tent sites, rental trailers, a country store offering fishing tackle, worms, ice, groceries, beer, wine, souvenirs, and self-serve food. The park offers restrooms and showers. Drinking water comes from the park's own artesian well, plumbed in at every campsite and it is the best! Family dogs are welcome.

My husband, Tim, and I have been camping at Creekside RV Park since 1999. We discovered the park when we entered a fishing contest with some friends; they entered the contest every year at Creekside R.V. Park and invited us to go with them.

From the moment Tim and I walked into the store we were hooked on this amazing place. Ron and Donna were so friendly and incredibly informative about everything we needed to know.



Photo courtesy Lori Carnahan  
Fish Story Lori, Lori Carnahan, holds up her catch on South Lake.

They were both so knowledgeable about where exactly to fish and what to use.

The passion and love Nick's parents have built over so many decades is a perfect fit to pass on to their son Nick.

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Located in Bishop Creek Canyon

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# Exploring the art of fly tying

Take the plunge into a fantastic hobby

By Fred Rowe

Bits of fur, feather, and other materials tied and wrapped on a hook is how I define a fly. This in essence is fly tying. Fly tying is an art form that allows fly fishers to develop a fly pattern that matches the food source the fish is feeding on.

Feathers from chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants and ducks are used to tie flies. So are furs from rabbits, coyotes, foxes, muskrat and beaver. Synthetics like mylar, wire, yarns and plastics find their way into fly patterns.

When I first started tying flies I thought it was an inexpensive way to fill my fly boxes. Forty six years of tying flies has taught me that it is not cheaper to tie flies, but I can tie a fly that I have confidence in.

The biggest thrill of tying flies is the ability to catch a trout with something you have created. In the beginning fly tiers tie specific patterns following the recipe to a T. As you get confidence in your tying ability and your ability to observe insects in nature you tweak or develop patterns that are better matches for the food source the trout are feeding on.

Tying up your own creation or tweak of a fly pattern and then fishing it is only part of the process. Most of the time the tier goes back to

the fly tying bench and tweaks the pattern until they get the exact imitation that will produce trout.

With a constant influx of new materials to tie with fly tiers are constantly developing or improving fly patterns.

Learning to tie flies is like cooking. You learn basic techniques and apply them to specific patterns. Once you learn the basics a whole world of tying flies is opened up. I challenge my fly tying students with a no help from the instructor fly pattern at the end of tying class. The students learn that they're capable of tying a lot of fly patterns beyond the patterns they learned in fly tying class.

There are lots of sources for learning fly tying. YouTube has lots of good videos on fly patterns to tie. Learning from an instructor takes a lot of the learning curve out of the equation. In the Eastern Sierra, Sierra Bright Dot offers fly tying classes.

Tying a fly for economical gain is probably not valid. There is tranquility of tying flies that a lot fly fishers never expect. Tying a better mouse trap that the fly fisher can fish with confidence is the biggest gain from tying your own flies.



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Many anglers who enjoy fly fishing also enjoy tying their own flies.

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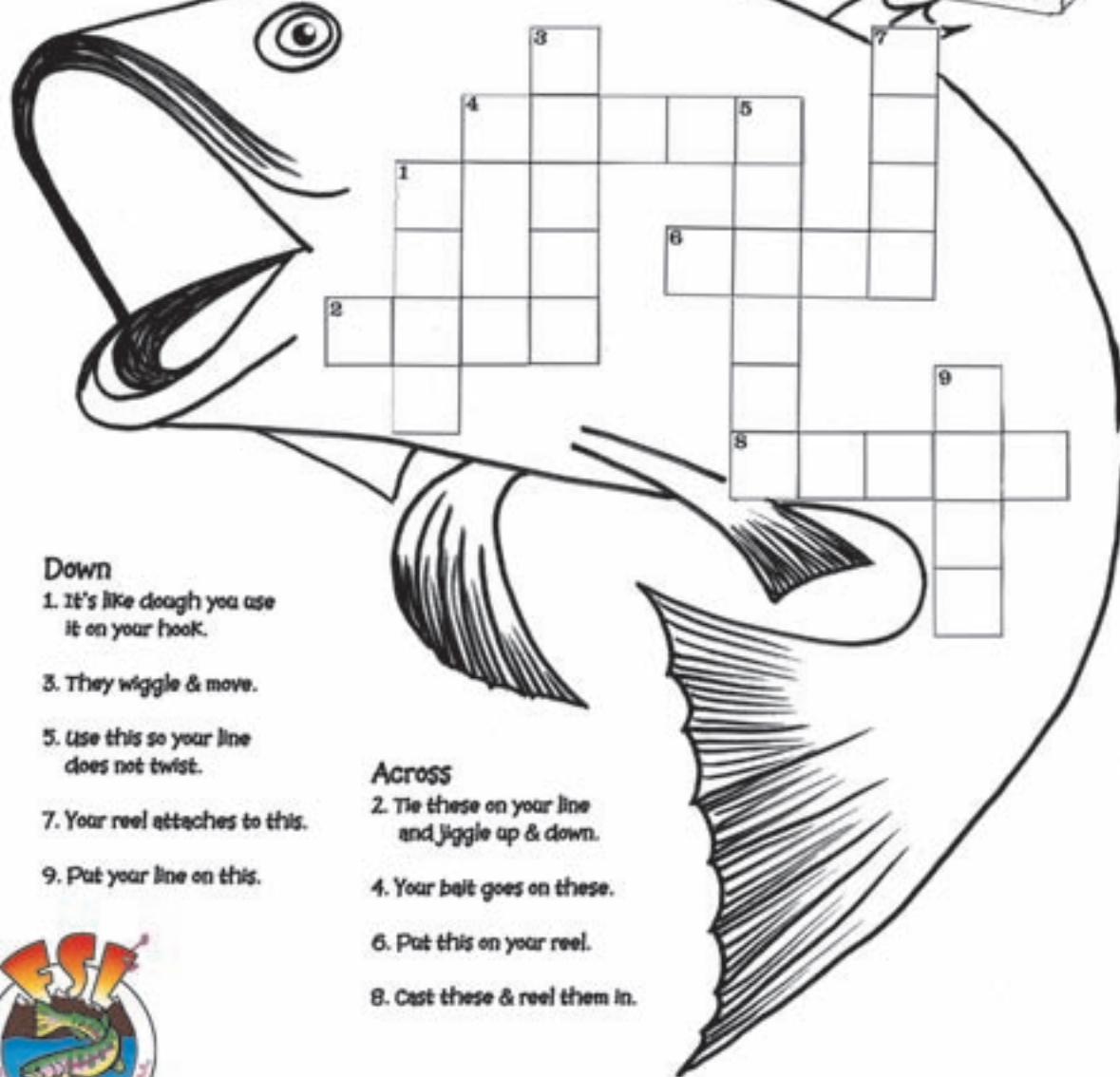


# FSL Crossword Puzzle

Things you would use to catch a fish.

Use the words in the FSL Tackle Box to finish the puzzle.

Helpful clues are listed below.



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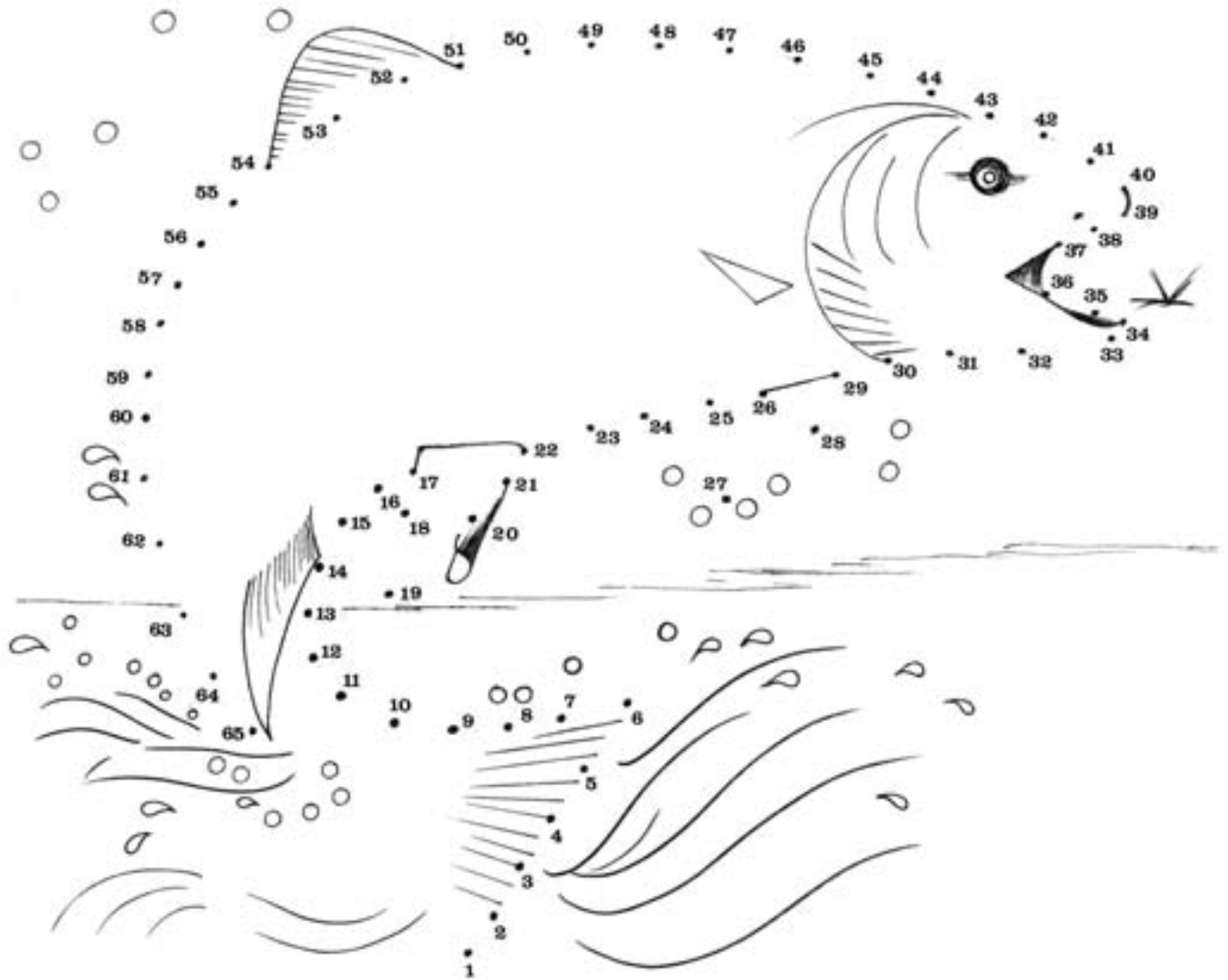
1. It's like dough you use it on your hook.
3. They wiggle & move.
5. Use this so your line does not twist.
7. Your reel attaches to this.
9. Put your line on this.

## Across

2. Tie these on your line and jiggle up & down.
4. Your bait goes on these.
6. Put this on your reel.
8. Cast these & reel them in.



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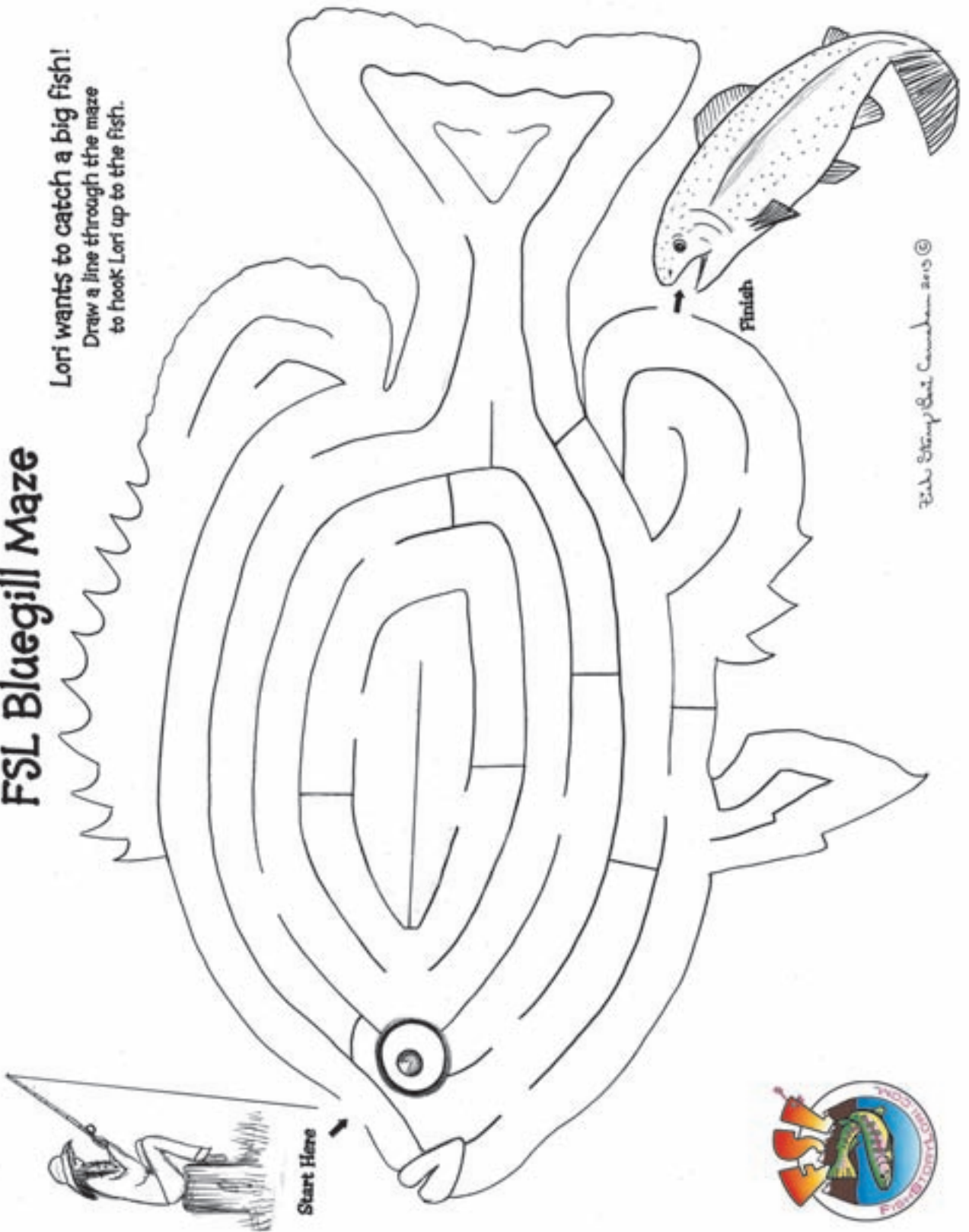


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# FSL Bluegill Maze

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# A unique Gorge and Reservoir

Classic spots for Eastern Sierra fishing By Jarett Coons

Over many eons, the Owens River has cut away at the volcanic tablelands, forming a gorge that stretches from Crowley Lake to Pleasant Valley Reservoir.

The Owens began its life from the melting snow and ran unchecked to Owens Lake, being joined by many streams along the way. It must have been a sight to see it during a good runoff without any dams or reservoirs to impede its rage.

Today a steady flow of water is maintained through the canyon by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and we are left with a great trout fishery.

It can take a little rock climbing to get to the good places but it is worth the work. The steady flow makes fishing consistently good on any given day.

The brown trout that live here average around 12 inches and will give you a good fight, often leaping like rainbows. They are opportunistic and can be drawn up by most dry flies. Some of my favorites are Royal Wulff's, Elk Hair Caddis and Stimulators. Hanging a nymph off that dry fly is a great idea here as these trout also take attractor nymphs like Copper Johns, Prince Nymphs and Bead Head Pheasant Tails. The

bottom of the Gorge is thick with tules, willows and nettles so be careful when trekking upstream and be careful on those big boulders because some of them are loose.

## Pleasant Valley Reservoir

At the lower end of the Gorge there is another dam sealing up the canyon and creating another fishery, Pleasant Valley Reservoir.

This place has very easy access you can park at the top or bottom of the reservoir and with a short walk down a paved road be fishing in minutes. The easy walk makes it a great place to pack in a float tube and fish more water.

This reservoir contains brown and rainbow trout as well as Sacramento perch and largemouth bass. Stripping streamers and Midging are two productive ways to fly fish PVR. If you are going after big trout, large streamers that resemble young trout, bass, perch and crawdads fished on a sink line is a good way to go. Hanging nymphs and baitfish patterns under an indicator is another productive method. It works well in a float tube as you can check your depth and know your

flies are on the bottom. At certain times of the year the perch move in near shore to spawn and several fish can be caught. I remember early summer afternoons when I was a kid, my dad would take us and we would catch more than 100 perch in an afternoon. It was a blast!

The Gorge has more than 10 miles of stream and a reservoir at the bottom end to fish. It has something for everyone no matter what your skill level or ability. It is a great place for kids to fish and if they get bored, it is always fun to climb around on the big rocks.

If you needed more convincing it also is open to fishing all year long and the fishing in the fall and winter is the best if you ask me.

*(Jarett Coons was born in Bishop and spent the majority of his life fishing and hunting from Lone Pine to Bridgeport. When his father took him to Intake II, Coons got his first trout on a dry fly, and he, too, was hooked. In January 2010, he started Sierra Mountain Trout Guide Service with the goal of recreating that moment on Intake II for his clients all over the Eastern Sierra.)*



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2. The tackle box.

3. Use this to your line and reel.

4. The net you use to catch a fish.

5. The net you use to catch a fish.

### Across:

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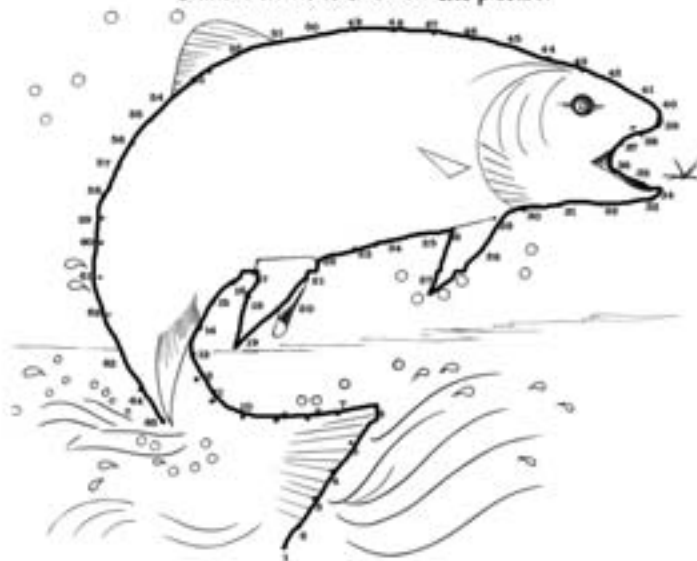
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Connect the dots and color the picture.



## FSL Bluegill Maze

Lori wants to catch a big fish!  
Draw a line through the maze to find Lori's big fish!



## Answer Sheet

# Big Pine offers it all

Area offers easy access to streams, variety of fishing opportunities

By Register Staff

Big Pine offers an almost-endless variety of opportunities for stream fishing year-round, all within easy access.

As one of the lesser-crowded fishing destinations in the region, Big Pine is the perfect spot for anglers who are looking to find a new fishing destination.

The small community of Big Pine is known as the portal to Palisade Glacier, the southernmost glacier in the northern hemisphere, and the ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, the oldest living trees in the world.

But the fishing is just as noteworthy.

Big Pine Creek, which flows down from the glaciers and the Sierra high country, offers excellent stream fishing without the crowds.

While Big Pine Canyon is one of the few canyons in the area that does not have a paved road leading to lakes, it does offer stream access near Glacier Lodge.

There are alpine lakes, accessible by a short hike or trail ride from Glacier Pack Station.

The road to the Glacier Lodge crosses the creek at a point where the water flows rapidly, but there are many other places along the stream where the water slows.

There also are beautiful hikes along historic trails that lead to even more alpine fishing destinations along the streams and lakes of the Sierra backcountry. Big Pine Canyon is accessed by Crocker Street in downtown Big Pine. There is an excellent access point for Big Pine Creek just past the first big curve in the road, just before the road begins to gain altitude.

Baker Creek Campground, which is open year-round, is the perfect base camp for a fishing adventure, especially for families. Baker Creek pools in several places, including in and within walking distance of the campground, offering a peaceful fishing spot.

Some of the best fishing in Big Pine is along the Owens River, off U.S. Highway 168 East. The turnoff is just north of town, right next to the Glacier View Campground. There is a large

American flag and a solitary giant sequoia tree right next to the turnoff. U.S. Highway 168 crosses the Owens River, and continues up into the White Mountains towards the Bristlecone Pines. There is a well-maintained dirt road that follows the river, offering several different access points for anglers.

Tinnemaha Reservoir, located south of Big Pine, and east of U.S. Highway 395, is another great fishing spot. The reservoir can be challenging to reach, due to the brush and reeds that line the shores, but the fishing experience is worth the brush-wading. Several different species of fish inhabit the reservoir, including small-mouth bass – a fun change to the trout-fishing routine.

Little Fish Springs, which is located near Fish Springs Hatchery, is another great fishing option.

Goodale and Taboose campgrounds are located south of Fish Springs, and offer stream access for anglers.

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Elaine Hahn of Glendora fishing at the Glacier Lodge Trout Pond. Princesses love fishing too!

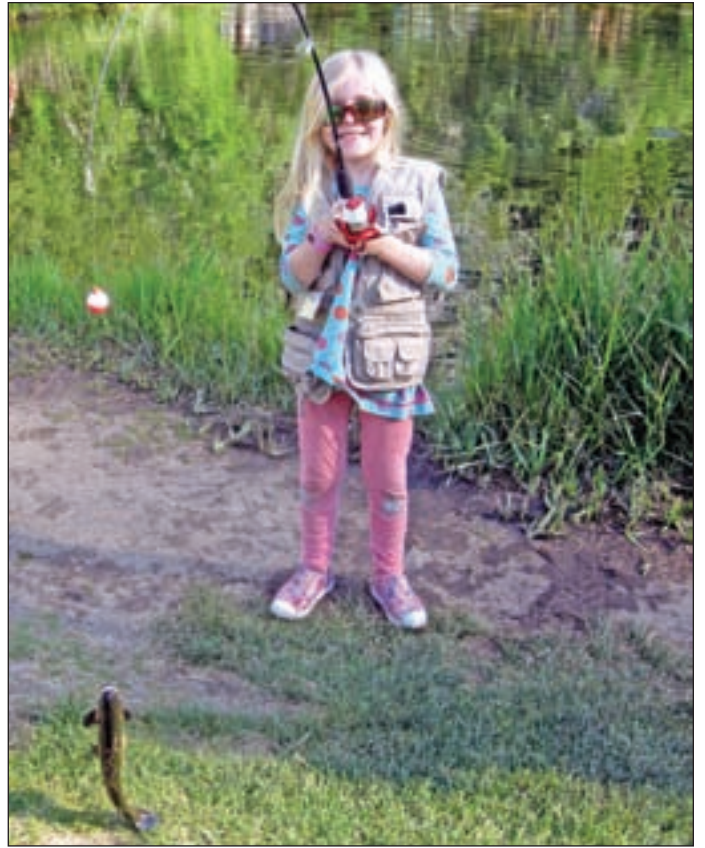


Photo submitted  
Dorothy Hahn of Glendora lands a trout at the Glacier Lodge Trout Pond in Big Pine Canyon.



When you are not quite sure what to think of catching your first "Trout on the Fly!"

Photo by Jarett Coons

# A paradise for creek fishing

Independence is the spot for warm, cold water angling *By Register Staff*

Independence, the earliest Anglo settlement in the Eastern Sierra, is one of the region's most peaceful destinations for early and late season stream fishing. Opportunities for camping, hiking, fishing and hunting accompany spectacular stargazing and remarkable historic structures.

Extensive hiking and backpacking trails go throughout the Sierra from trail heads at Onion Valley, Shephard Pass and Baxter Pass. There are several campgrounds in the vicinity of Independence and abundant trout fishing in the local creeks.

East of Independence the Owens River and off-channel lakes, ponds, and ditches offer warm water fishing opportunities for smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, bluegill and catfish.

The Independence area is known for having some of the best creek fishing east of the Sierra. This area is not nearly as frequented as some of the more popular fishing spots in Bishop or Lone Pine. That means there are a lot of fish and not as many anglers, making Independence as quiet and peaceful as it is serene.

The Onion Valley area, which is west of Independence via Onion Valley Road, offers a campground and a pack station.

There also is a trailhead access to several alpine

lakes, perfect for anglers who want to go fishing in the backcountry. This is one of the highest trailheads in the Sierra. Maps and detailed lake access information is available at any local visitor center.

Onion Valley Road is a windy, paved mountain road that offers spectacular views of the entire Owens Valley.

Independence Creek is perfect for stream fishing. This creek runs roughly parallel to Onion Valley Road, and is easily accessible and excellent for fly fishing.

Shepherd's Creek has its own unique fishing history. During World War II, when Japanese Americans were interred at the nearby Manzanar relocation camp, some of the internees would sneak out of the camp just to go fishing in Shepherd's Creek, as well as some of the other creeks near the internment camp.

Manzanar is now a national historic site, and the story of the Japanese American fishermen is featured in the film "The Manzanar Fishing Club," which can be found at the museum.

The film is a must-see for anyone who loves the fishing lifestyle, as the film celebrates the spirit of those courageous fishermen.

Several of the streams in the Independence area are excellent for smallmouth bass fishing, as well as

bullhead catfish and bluegill. There are several small ponds east of the town of Independence that are home to these species.

These ponds, along with the Owens River, can be accessed by Mazurka Canyon Road, then by various dirt roads. For detailed instructions, stop by one of the local visitor centers, or contact a local fishing guide service or sporting goods store.

There also are carp in the Independence area, which is the only type of fish in California that is legal to hunt with a bow and arrow.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife reminds anglers that the arrow must be attached to the bow or a fishing reel.

Independence also has a fishing derby each year, on the Saturday before Father's Day in June. This year, the derby will be held on June 20.

The Independence area has a long history and a proud fishing tradition. The Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery, now a museum, was instrumental in saving California's state fish, the golden trout. This beautiful facility still stands as a monument to the history of fishing in the area. The hatchery's front pond is a beautiful place to have a picnic after a morning of fishing.



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# Discarded fishing line kills birds, wildlife, even dogs

Tangle Free Waters program aims to recycle excess fishing line – and save lives

By Wendilyn Grasseschi

It's an unfortunately all too common sight around the Eastern Sierra's gorgeous lake shores and creeks; a tangled mess of discarded fishing line festooning the trees and bushing, tripping kids and dogs, hooking unwary barefoot swimmers.

But it is far worse than an inconvenience to many, non-human beings. Fishing line, ingested by birds and other animals, can kill.

The line, once swallowed, can get tangled up in the intestines and stomachs of birds, racoons, and even pet dogs, eventually leading to death.

For these reasons and more, an Eastern Sierra local and avid kayaker, Janet Barth, has spent much of the past three years going lake to lake on her kayak, surveying the shorelines and creeks feeding the lakes, trying to get a sense of the impact the excess line has had.

The bright side of the story, she said, is that the line is actually recyclable, unlike many items, and, there is already a national program to recycle the line in place, called the Tangle Free Waters project, which collects the line and recycles it into more fishing line and other objects.

But getting the excess line shipped to the program's collection point – located out of state, required much more local investment than just the aging tubes already in place, which Barth found had been put in place about a decade ago, then mostly left alone.

"Some were full of bottles and cans and trash," she said. "Some had been maintained and taken care of but a lot of them had not. So, I tried to track down who was taking care of them, which ones were not being attended to, etc., trying to get a sense of the need."

So Barth, who is also a member of the Eastern Sierra's Range of Light Sierra Club group, came up with a grading scale to identify which lakes have the worst problems – such as the highly used Convict Lake – hoping to make her case to get the waters cleaned up.

Barth, who had run a wildlife rehabilitation and care facility in Napa before she moved to the Eastern Sierra four years ago, said not only were the old tubes not being

maintained, there was a strong need for far more tubes; in parking lots, in campgrounds, in other places where people congregated, in order to encourage people to actually take the time to recycle the line.

She kept at it, trying to figure out which lakes and waters needed the most help, getting regular people to help take care of some of them, but mostly, working alone.

Then, this past year, things changed – in the right direction.

"We now have a \$5,000 grant to spend over the next three years to get more recycling tubes working through the Town of Mammoth Lakes and their Sustainable Recreation director, Matthew Paruolo," she said. "That has been



Photos courtesy Janet Barth

Janet Barth, who enjoys kayaking in the Eastern Sierra, has been working to find solutions for fishing line.



Tangled and discarded fishing line can be deadly to wildlife.



Photo courtesy Janet Barth  
There are fishing line recycling tubes at some popular local fishing spots, but finding volunteers to maintain them can be challenging.

a great step in the right direction.

"I had to find an established organization that would take this on," she said. After a few years, I was feeling pretty hopeless, but then, just last year ... I connected with him and he thought this would be an excellent thing," she said. "It fit right in with the work he was doing. So he started to go to meetings, he put in for a grant, the state Department of Fish and Wildlife gave him the \$5,000 to use for next three years."

The money will be used to install 30 new fishing line recycling tubes from Twin Lakes outside Bridgeport to Diaz Lake in Lone Pine. The tubes are PVC pipe that resemble a periscope that are easy to install and cheap. Barth's calculations estimate the cost at \$15.33. Recycling would be done through Berkley, a fishing company in Spirit Lake, Iowa. They send free mailers to people who want to recycle fishing line with this program.

She is also working on setting up an "Adopt a tube" program, which will be up and running this spring, she said.

That was a great start, she said.

There is still more to do.

"The one caveat in the grant is it could only be used for building and installing tubes," she said. "But what is still needed is a major educational effort, because people do not always know where the tubes are, or how to use them. So, I am now looking for a second source to put up kiosks, fly fisher guides."

She has big ambitions beyond that, too.

"I hope to make this statewide, a program that recycles fishing line on both fish and saltwater waters," she said.

She has talked to Inyo County representatives as well, but so far, they have not been ready to bite, she said.

Until then, she is urging people who collect the stuff and want to do more than leave it in a tube to bring it to the Town of Mammoth Lakes where it can be mailed off.

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# More than just a movie town

Lone Pine, full of fishing enthusiasm

By Register Staff

Lone Pine is widely known for the spectacular Alabama Hills National Scenic Area, which has been the backdrop to some of Hollywood's most famous western films – and Ironman. But while the scenery might appear simply desert-like from the highway, Lone Pine also is home to some lesser known and remarkably beautiful fishing spots.

Diaz Lake was formed during a massive earthquake in 1872. This small lake is heavily stocked by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and by the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce.

Diaz is best fished by boat but shore fishing works well, too. There is a fishing platform, which is accessible for the disabled, that also is ideal for young children who are learning how to fish.

There is a marina for boat launches, however, boats cannot be left in the water overnight.

Local bait-fishing anglers swear by rainbow Powerbait for Diaz, but worms, jigs and the usual trout favorites work well, too.

All of the water west of U.S. Highway 395, south of Independence, is open for fishing on the first Saturday in March, giving anglers the opportunity to enjoy the water two whole months before general fishing season opens throughout the rest of the state.



Photo by Jon Klusmire

Seth Sanchez landed this 2.1-pound trout at Diaz Lake during the Early Opener Trout Derby.



Photo by Jon Klusmire

Kylie, left, and sister Khloe Morse brought their impressive stringers of trout to the headquarters weigh station at the 2019 Early Opener Trout Derby at Diaz Lake, south of Lone

Pine. The sisters from Norco, California, both took home prizes, since the derby allows any youngster younger than 12 to get a prize for catching any size fish. Organizers said this year's derby attracted more anglers than last year.

Whitney Portal Road ends at the base of Mt. Whitney, the tallest mountain in the continental United States. Here, the parking lot gradually loops around a beautiful, easily accessed fishing pond, which is heavily planted throughout the summer months. This is another perfect option for children. The pond is perfect for young families looking for an alpine fishing experience without a backcountry hike. There is even a large waterfall just past the western end of the parking lot. The Whitney Portal store is famous for its pancakes but be sure to ask where Humphrey Bogart's famous death scene from "High Sierra" was filmed. Whitney Portal usually remains open into early November, weather permitting.

Another easily accessed fishing spot in the Lone Pine area is the "Sandtrap." The Sandtrap is located right above the spillway where Lone Pine Creek empties into the Los Angeles Aqueduct. All the fish from Lone Pine Creek end up pooling in the Sandtrap, making it an easy spot to catch a limit stringer.

Hogback Creek is accessed from Moffet Ranch Road from U.S. Highway 395. The road is a well-maintained dirt road north of Whitney Portal Road. There are areas along the creek that are nicely shaded by large cottonwood trees.

Tuttle Creek, south of Whitney Portal Road, is another popular fishing creek in the area, as well as the Lower Owens River.

If the fishing is slow, there are lots of unique opportunities in the Lone Pine area.

Start at the Museum of Western Film History, located on the south end of town. Here, you can learn about where film legends like John Wayne and Hopalong Cassidy made some of their movies. Scenes from movies like "The Lone Ranger," "Star Trek" and "Ironman" also were filmed in the area. Ask the museum staff how to find these filming locations.

From the museum, take Whitney Portal Road west to Movie Road and explore the Alabama Hills. The road is a well-maintained dirt road and there are several hikes, arches and rock formations to explore.

Fishing season in Lone Pine will again start with the Early Opener Trout Derby, hosted by the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce, the first Saturday in March. This derby kicks off the Eastern Sierra early fishing season and is very family friendly, being more about fishing than winning.

The derby places emphasis on children learning to enjoy the sport of fishing and each child participant receives prizes for every fish they catch, regardless of the weight or size of the fish.

The main derby is held at Diaz Lake but once participants have registered, they can fish anywhere from Lone Pine to Independence as long as they stay west of the U.S. Highway 395.

For more information about the Early Opener trout derby in Lone Pine, contact the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce at (760) 876-4444.



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Photo by Fred Rowe

Catching four species from one body of water is a Sierra Grand Slam.

## How to hit an Eastern Sierra Grand Slam

Challenge: Catch four species from one water By Fred Rowe

In baseball a grand slam is hitting a home run with bases loaded. For the angling community a grand slam is catching four species in one day from one water. In the Eastern Sierra this has different meaning to different anglers.

As a fly fishing guide and fly shop owner in the 1980s I helped out my T-shirt salesman with an idea. The grand slam of trout fishing. He made up a T-shirt that said grand slam and had a picture of a rainbow trout, brown trout, brook trout, and a golden trout. I ran into him years after I had left the fly shop business and he thanked me for creating one of his most successful selling T-shirts.

In the 1980s my guides and I fly fished the San Joaquin River from Agnew Meadows to Rainbow Falls. It was easy to land 100 trout in a single outing. Catching that many trout meant that you caught lots of rainbows and brown trout.

Catching a pure bred golden probably was out of the question, but the San Joaquin River has a good population of golden – rainbow hybrids. This hybrid showed up regularly in our catches. The rare fish to catch was the brook trout.

A lot of the time if I was looking to get a grand slam I would target the brook trout first.

The brook trout were tight up under the canopy along the stream side. Getting casts under all the branches meant losing a fly or two. The reward was a five to seven inch brook trout.

On Crowley Lake the fly fishing grand slam is a rainbow trout, a brown trout, a cutthroat trout and a Sacramento perch. Grand slams should not be easy. Getting the Sacramento perch on a fly rod is the tough part of this grand slam. The perch are not always in the same place that the trout are being targeted. Most fly fishers are not willing to

stop fly fishing for trout to chase the Sacramento perch. The trout species on Crowley Lake are segregated so catching all three trout in one day is a challenge.

In the Owens Valley we have warm water fish. The grand slam for the warm water fly fisher is a large mouth bass, a small mouth bass, a carp and a cat fish. I've never caught a small mouth bass or a cat fish on a fly in the waters I've pursued bass and carp. The tough part of this grand slam is getting all four species in the same day in one water.

Just like in baseball most do not attain the status of a grand slam. I've caught two of the three fly fishing grand slams in the Eastern Sierra. I need to put in sometime this spring to target a catfish and a small mouth bass while I'm on the water targeting carp.



Levi McCoy proudly displays his catfish caught prior to releasing it.

Photo submitted



Photo courtesy of Kevin Chaffin

At a recent trip to June Lake, father Kevin Chaffin shows off his 4-pound, 2-ounce rainbow caught from shore on a nightcrawler and son Joey Chaffin shows off his 3-pound, 3-ounce cutthroat caught from his float tube on a Rapala jig. The two are from Hesperia.



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Mammoth Lakes | Mono County

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## Southern Inyo Early Opener Trout Derby

Diaz Lake, Lone Pine | Inyo County

An \$800 Blind Bogey is the start of this annual derby, which helps kick off the opening of creeks, streams and lakes south of Independence and west of U.S. 395 to the Inyo County border. Lots of prizes will be handed out in adults, juniors (ages 13-15) and kids (0-12) divisions, in addition to the Blind Bogey sponsored by Gardner's True Value. Call (760) 876-4444 for more information or visit [www.lonepinechamber.org](http://www.lonepinechamber.org).

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Topaz Lake | Mono County

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## Blake Jones Trout Derby

Pleasant Valley Reservoir | Inyo County

Celebrating its 51th year, contestants are urged to fish Pleasant Valley Reservoir and most of the Owens River near Bishop for a chance to match the Blind Bogey and be entered into a raffle for more than \$10,000 worth of prizes. There are additional categories for big fish, early bird entries and farthest traveled to the derby. Heavyweight rainbows are planted just prior to the derby. Call the Bishop Chamber at (760) 873-8405, or go to [bishopvisitor.com](http://bishopvisitor.com).

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## Tahoe Adventure Film Festival

Edison Theatre, Mammoth | Mono County

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## Old Mammoth Road Backyard Rail Jam

## 2020 Eastern Sierra Fishing Guide (Maps on pages 38-51)



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## Blake Jones Trout Derby

Pleasant Valley Reservoir | Inyo County

The Blake Jones Trout Derby has more than \$10,000 of cash and prizes up for grabs this year.

Mammoth | Mono County

The Old Mammoth Road Backyard Rail Jam is back for its third year at Sierra Nevada Resort. Featuring music by Slaves Against the Machine, the rail jam features open and groom classes with sign-ups starting at 3 p.m. Come do some tricks, enjoy the music and compete to win prizes.

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## Mammoth Winter Biathlon

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area | Mono County

The Mammoth Winter Biathlon has a history for being one of the community's favorite events. Held at Tamarack Cross-County Ski Center, the event combines cross-country skiing with rifle shooting in a safe, fun and competitive race. All ages and abilities are encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, call (949) 637-6498.

20-22

## Women's Climbing Festival

Bishop | Inyo County

This event will bring together and celebrate the growing community of women climbers. Nestled in the beautiful Owens Valley in the Eastern Sierra, Bishop not only offers world class bouldering, but also provides hundreds of sport and trad-routes nearby. The Women's Climbing Festival will reach veteran female climbers and provide a safe space for beginner climbers to come and learn more about all that climbing has to offer. Visit [flashfoxy.com](http://flashfoxy.com) for more information.

25-29

## Oakley Week

Mammoth Lakes | Mono County

Week-long Oakley fun includes snow demos, plenty of giveaways and treasure hunts, and the mini-pipe challenge on Saturday, March 28.

27-28

## Banff Festival World Tour

Tri-County Fairgrounds | Inyo County

Films about outdoor adventures in Bishop. Tri-County Fairgrounds at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Eastside Sports, The Booky Joint in Mammoth and Inyo Council for the Arts. Purchase tickets at the door at event with cash only. For more information, call Inyo Council for the Arts (760) 873-8014.

# April

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## Mammoth Invitational

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area | Mono County

The Mammoth Invitational is a weekend of fun-filled activities that bring many communities together. Each year a theme sets the stage and keeps the entertainment level high and the good vibes rolling. The Mammoth Invitational 2020 is themes "Off to the Races - Derby Days at the Mammoth Invitational" All event proceeds benefit the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation. All event proceeds benefit the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation. (760) 934-0639.

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## Easter festivities

Village at Mammoth | Mono County

Celebrate Easter with your family in Mammoth. Join in one of our egg hunts at Main Lodge, Canyon Lodge or Eagle Lodge, snap a photo with the Easter Bunny, and spot Woolly wearing his special bunny ears during the 4th Annual Easter Parade in The Village.

## Bishop Elks Easter Egg Hunt

Elks Park | Inyo County

Hosted by the Bishop Elks Club at Elks Park on West Line Street; 1 p.m. All welcome. Free hot dogs and drinks for kids. Lots of eggs and "special eggs" worth prizes. Call (760) 873-3221 for information.

## Independence Easter Egg Hunt

County Courthouse | Inyo County

Hosted by the Independence community at courthouse lawn; 1 p.m. For children 10 and younger. Call Linda, (760) 878-8030 for more information. Don't forget your Easter egg baskets.

TBD

## Big Pine Easter Egg Hunt

Mendenhall Park | Inyo County

Hosted by the Big Pine Civic Club at Mendenhall Park at 1 p.m. Bring the family to get gifts and goodies from the Easter Bunny.

TBD

## Seventh Annual Alabama Hills Day

Lone Pine | Inyo County

Held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., this event celebrates this scenic landscape and educates the public about the wide variety of groups/activities that access and interact with the Alabamas. More than 40 different sponsors/exhibitors will be lending their support. Various field trips and a stewardship event will also be taking place in the Alabama Hills themselves.

TBD

## Tamarack challenge

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area | Mono County

This event challenges you to ski all the groomed tracks

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on the last Sunday of the season. Dress up in your craziest costume for a day with friends, food and good cheer. To register or for more information, call Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center at 760.934.2442 x8 or register online at [www.athleteinyou.com](http://www.athleteinyou.com). Events and races subject to change. Space is limited..

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### Topaz Lake Fishing Derby Ends

Topaz | California-Nevada

The fishing season at Topaz Lake goes from Jan. 1 through Sept. 30. Topaz Lodge hosts their annual fishing derby from Jan. 1 until April 12 – catch tagged fish for cash and prizes. No entry fee. Call (800) 962-0732 or visit [www.TopazLodge.com](http://www.TopazLodge.com).

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### Fee-Free Weekends at National Parks

Death Valley, Sequoia-Kings and Yosemite | Inyo-Mono

The Park Service waives entrance fees at national parks around the nation for National Park Week.

TBD

### Mammoth Lakes Event & Wedding EXPO

Westin Monache Resort, Mammoth Lakes | Mono County

Network with vendors, meet group service providers and find the perfect venue for your next event. Enjoy both on and off mountain activities in the area, including hiking, sightseeing, biking, fishing and skiing as well as shopping and dining experiences. Tickets are free but limited. Reserve at [mammothlakesexpo.com](http://mammothlakesexpo.com).

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### Annual pond skim

Canyon Lodge | Mono

The crowds will fill up Canyon Lodge to watch the craziest skiers and snowboarders straight line it across two ice cold ponds. Sign up begins at 11 a.m. at Canyon Lodge. The first 50 competitors in Superhero themed costumes will get a coveted spot in the 2017 skim. No costume, no entry. The skim begins at 2 p.m. and is followed by the Spring Party at the Canyon Beach Bar at 4 p.m.

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### Big Pine High School Nightcrawler Worm Sale

Big Pine | Inyo County

This event started more than 30 years ago and is an annual major fundraiser for the high school. Worms are sold in front of the high school on U.S. 395 on Friday afternoon and evening, the day before the opening of trout fishing season.

24-26

### Owens Lake Bird Festival

Lone Pine | Inyo County

Join us for the 4th Annual Owens Lake Bird Festival for 2018. Field trips, informational displays, workshops, photography & fun for all birding enthusiasts. Visit our website <https://friendsoftheinyo.org/owens-lake-bird-festival/> for more information.

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### Opening of the General Trout Season

Eastern Sierra | Inyo-Mono

All the lakes and streams throughout the region open to fishing just before sunrise. Rejoice!

### Monster Fish Contest

June Lake Loop | Mono County

Prizes will be awarded for biggest trout caught by a local resident, biggest trout caught by a child, biggest trout caught by a woman, and the ugliest trout entered. All Loop waters are eligible. Visit [www.JuneLakeLoop.com](http://www.JuneLakeLoop.com).

### Fred J. Hall Memorial Opening Day

#### “Big Fish” Contest

Crowley Lake | Mono County

This annual derby with no entry encourages anglers to bring their largest catches to the Crowley Lake Fish Camp Tackle Shop for prizes and fame. Call (760) 935-4301 or visit [www.crowleylakefishcamp.com](http://www.crowleylakefishcamp.com).

### Gull Lake Marina “Fish of the Month Club” Derby

June Lake Loop | Mono County

Cash prizes are awarded for the biggest catch from Gull Lake every month of fishing season, through Nov. 15. Entry fee is just \$5. Plus, rent a boat from the marina and catch a fish over 3 lbs., and get a spin on the Wheel of Prizes. Contact Gull Lake Marina at (760) 648-7539 or [www.GullLakeMarina.com](http://www.GullLakeMarina.com).

### Mono Village Fishing Opener Derby

Upper Twin Lakes, Bridgeport | Mono County

Cash and merchandise prizes are given in several categories at this derby hosted by Annett's Mono Village. Registration fee required. Call (760) 932-7071 or visit [www.MonoVillage.com](http://www.MonoVillage.com).

### 11,053' Summit Sunset Party

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area | Mono County

A unique summer experience at the summit of Mammoth Mountain. Ride the Panorama Gondola to the top of the Sierra at dusk to watch the sun set. The top of the mountain will be buzzing with indoor/outdoor fun. Adults/youths/seniors are \$29, kids 12 and younger are free, and Cali4nia Passholders are \$15. Limited capacity.

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### Ezakimak Ski/Run/Snowshoe Challenge

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area | Mono County

Mammoth Mountain is bringing summer fun to the snow with a backwards race - sending you uphill. Participants can fat bike, cross country ski, snowshoe or run from the base of Main Lodge to the top of Eleven53 after dark. The Ezakimak will bring participants from 9,000 to 11,053 feet in a winter trial featuring both competitive and novice classes.

24-26

### Manzanar Pilgrimage

Independence | Inyo County

The annual pilgrimage is held every year on the last Saturday of April at the northwest corner of the former camp site at the Manzanar National Historic Monument, near the cemetery monument. Call (760) 878-2932.

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### “Round-up at the Lake” Spring Fishing Derby

Convict Lake | Mono County

Runs through June 15. Includes cash prizes; advance registration required. Contact (800) 992-2260

## May

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### Kids Fishing Camp

Bishop City Park | Inyo County

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the chance to have local, professional fishing guides teach them proper fly fishing technique, fishing etiquette, life science and other knowledge and skills to equip them to be the next generation of successful, responsible anglers. Camp concludes with fly fishing derby. For more information, call the City of Bishop at (760) 873-5863.

## TBD

### Altrusa High Tea

Bishop | Inyo County

Enjoy tea and treats at this popular annual fundraising event where ladies are encouraged to wear their finest "high tea" attire. See more at [www.altrusaes.org](http://www.altrusaes.org).

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### Choo Choo Swap Meet

Tri-County Fairgrounds | Inyo County

Like 100 yard sales in one location. Contact the Laws Railroad Museum and Historic Site, (760) 873-3588 or visit [www.lawsmuseum.org](http://www.lawsmuseum.org).

### Annual Wild Wild West Marathon and Ultra

Lone Pine | Inyo County

A 50K, 26.2-mile, 10-mile and a 3-mile fun-run through the Alabama Hills and the foothills of Mt. Whitney. Something for every runner and the trail is walker friendly. Trail races begin at 6 a.m. Aid stations every three miles. Online entry at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Call the Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce at (760) 876-4444.

## TBD

### 50th Anniversary Lone Pine Time Trials

Between Independence and Lone Pine | Inyo County

Located at the Manzanar Air Strip off of U.S. 395, this event is open to modified, prepared, street prepared, stock or vintage. Course is longer than two miles, run one way on Saturday and the other on Sunday. Sanctioned by the National Auto Sport Association. Visit [www.lonepinetimetrials.com](http://www.lonepinetimetrials.com).

## 19-24

### 51th Annual Mule Days Celebration

Bishop | Inyo County

The area's largest annual event held every Memorial Day weekend as backcountry mule and horse packers celebrate the opening of the summer packing season.



## May 19-24 ▲ 51th Annual Mule Days Celebration

Bishop | Inyo County

The Bishop Mule Days Celebration takes place every Memorial Day weekend in Bishop.

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## 22-26

### Memorial Day Arts and Crafts Show

Bishop | Inyo County

Craftsmen and artisans from all over the western United States offer photography, pottery, jewelry, paintings, clothing, quilts, wood items and much more at Bishop City Park. Live entertainment and great food, too. Free admission and free parking. Call (760) 873-8014.

## TBD

### Crowley Lake Perch Derby

Crowley Lake | Mono County

Contact (760) 935-4301 or [www.CrowleyLakeFishCamp.com](http://www.CrowleyLakeFishCamp.com) for more information.

## 23-24

### Memorial Day Weekend Celebration

Mammoth | Mono County

Concerts, tent sales and performances in the Village. Visit [www.villageatmammoth.com](http://www.villageatmammoth.com).

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**Taatswano Traditional Gathering**

Bishop | Inyo County

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**Memorial Day Observance**

Big Pine | Inyo County

A solemn and respectful ceremony to remember all those who have fought and died for our country and those who continue to fight for our freedom. Sponsored by the VFW and the American Legion at the Big Pine Veterans Memorial at the intersection of U.S. 395 and State Route 168 at the north end of town.

**TBD**

**"Hangman's Bonus" Derby**

Convict Lake | Mono County

Cash prizes up for grabs; advanced registration required. Contact (800) 992-2260.

## June

**TBD**

**"Hangman's Bonus" Derby**

Convict Lake | Mono County

Cash prizes up for grabs; advanced registration required. Contact (800) 992-2260.

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**Eastern Sierra Double Century**

Eastern Sierra | Inyo-Mono

A 200-mile road bike ride in the scenic Eastern Sierra, from Bishop to Mono Lake to Benton and back to Bishop. Visit [www.planetultra.com/easternsierra](http://www.planetultra.com/easternsierra).

**Annual Concert in the Rocks**

Lone Pine | Inyo County

Outdoor dinner and concert in the Alabama Hills, benefiting the Beverly and Jim Rogers Museum of Western Film. Call (760) 876-9909.

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**Pamper Pedal Road Bike Ride**

Mammoth | Mono County

The annual Pamper Pedal is an all-ladies ride hosted by the men of Eastside Velo. The ride starts at Footloose in Mammoth Lakes and concludes 44 scenic miles later at the Elks Park in Bishop. This is the 11th anniversary of this ride.

**TBD**

**Trout Invitational Tournament**

Crowley Lake | Mono County

Contact (760) 935-4301 [www.CrowleyLakeFishCamp.com](http://www.CrowleyLakeFishCamp.com).

**9-13**

**California High School Rodeo State Finals**

Bishop | Inyo County

Approximately 300 athletes from high schools all over California compete at the Tri-County Fairgrounds for the state rodeo championship on a scale comparable with

college and professional rodeo. Presented by the California High School Rodeo Association in conjunction with the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce. General admission tickets will be available at the gate. Visit [www.chsra.org](http://www.chsra.org).

**TBD**

**Silver Lake/Rush Creek Clean Up**

Silver Lake | Mono County

In cooperation with the Federation Of Fly Fishers. Call (760) 648-7525 for more information.

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**Fred Hall Father's Day Fishing Tournament**

Mammoth Lakes Basin | Mono County

Be part of the Fred Hall tradition by participating in the Father's Day Derby. Fish in the Mammoth Lakes Basin, then weigh your catch at Rick's Sports Center in Mammoth Lakes for a chance at winning an awesome prize package. For more information, call (760) 934-3416.

**TBD**

**16th Annual Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua**

Mono Basin | Mono County

Music, walks, talks, lectures and workshops over a three-day period. Sign-ups begins in mid-April and programs fill up quickly. Call (760) 647-6595 or visit [www.birdchautauqua.org](http://www.birdchautauqua.org).

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**Independence Fishing Derby**

Independence | Inyo County


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Independence and bring all catches back to Dehy Park by 3 p.m. for a chance to win in this Blind Bogey tournament sponsored by the community. Prizes will also be awarded in junior and adult categories for Heaviest Trout (first, second and third place); Heaviest Trout Stringer (first, second and third place); Largest Wild Trout; Largest Catfish; and Largest Bluegill. There will be live music and other entertainment at the weigh-in headquarters.

## 18-21

### Mammoth Yoga Festival

Mammoth Lakes | Mono County

Top-tier leaders in the yoga industry have been chosen to fill this four-day event with a variety of offerings, adventure and intelligent movement.

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### Mammoth Half-Marathon

Mammoth | Mono County

The Mammoth Half Marathon is a world-class event with a breathtaking route to carry runners over a scenic course through the picturesque High Sierra, finishing in downtown Mammoth Lakes. The route, starting at nearly 9,000 feet, is downhill and fast. See more at [www.mammoth-mountain.com](http://www.mammoth-mountain.com).

## 19-28

### Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross

Mammoth | Mono County

Mammoth Motocross is the summer's best spectator sport where the energy and adrenaline are contagious and with seven days of thrilling competitions, this event cannot be missed. Riders have ventured to six qualifying locations around California on their Road to Mammoth and are more than ready to bring home the bacon. Every summer racers have flocked to Mammoth Mountain for this classic event - the oldest continuously running motocross in the US. Many of the top racers in the world have honed their skills at this event, and it has also become one of the major amateur events in the country. Spectators can attend to watch the practice days for \$5 and the race days for \$20. See more at [www.mammoth-mountain.com](http://www.mammoth-mountain.com).

### Every Monday evening during summer

#### Bishop Community Concerts

Bishop | Inyo County

Monday evenings at 8 PM throughout summer at the Bishop City Park Gazebo. Bring lawn chairs, light jackets, friends, etc. Free admission.

## TBD

### Bridgeport Trout Tournament

Bridgeport | Mono County

An open derby with several categories, funds generated from this event help provide more trout for Bridgeport Reservoir and the East Walker River. Call (760) 932-7525 or visit [www.BridgeportFishEnhancement.com](http://www.BridgeportFishEnhancement.com); or call Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce at (760) 932-7500 or visit [www.BridgeportCalifornia.com](http://www.BridgeportCalifornia.com).

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### Music & Moonshine

Mammoth Lakes | Mono County

Bring a picnic, blanket of lawn chairs and come on out to join us on the Hayden Cabin lawn for some great music, dancin' and socializin'. There will be a no-host whiskey bar. Donations to the museum always will be accepted. For more information, call (760) 934-6918.

## 27

### Trout Fest

Hot Creek Hatchery | Mono County

Experience Trout Fest - a hands-on, educational experience that introduces kids and families to the basics of trout fishing: from catching to cleaning to cooking. All activities are free and all equipment is provided. Enjoy instructions and demos on fishing pole rigging and knot tying, casting, dissection, fly tying, trout cleaning and more. Call (559) 765-4824.

## TBD

### Party on the Mountain

June Mountain Ski Area | Mono County

Take a breathtaking ride up June Mountain's iconic J1 for a summer party with outstanding views. The afternoon will feature a classic summer BBQ, live music by local favorite Lava Moon, plus a beer tasting from local Sierra breweries. Beer tasting wristbands will be available for purchase at the Chalet for \$20. A wristband will get your 8 different 5oz pours from June Lake Brewing (JLB), Mammoth Brewing Co, Black Doubt Brewing and Mountain Rambler.

## TBD

### Mono Village Fourth of July Fishing Derby

Upper Twin Lakes, Bridgeport | Mono County

Cash and merchandise prizes will be given away in several categories through July 5 in this derby hosted by Annett's Mono Village. Registration fee required. Call (760) 932-7071 or visit [www.MonoVillage.com](http://www.MonoVillage.com).

# July

## 1-31

### How Big is Big Fishing Derby

West Walker River | Mono County

Sponsored by the communities of Walker, Coleville and Topaz and the Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce, the 9th Annual How Big is Big Fishing Derby runs for the entire month of July. No entry fee - just bring your fish in to the Walker General Store, and your catch will be weighed and recorded. Lots of prizes. Call (530) 208-6078 or visit [www.NorthernMonoChamber.com](http://www.NorthernMonoChamber.com).

## TBD

### 40th Annual Mammoth Celebrates the Arts

Mammoth Lakes | Mono County

Mammoth Celebrates the Arts is a special art show that has been in the Footloose Sports parking lot for over 30 years. The 4th of July Parade route is right by the show! Mono Arts Council (MAC) works with the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce to present a fun filled 4th of July weekend for the entire family. Shop from over 70 talented artists. Call (760) 873-7242 or visit [www.monoarts.org](http://www.monoarts.org).

## TBD

### July 4 at the Village

Mammoth Lakes | Mono County

Three days of festivities, fireworks and concerts. Visit [www.villageatmammoth.com](http://www.villageatmammoth.com).

## 4

### Old-Fashioned July 4 Celebration

Bridgeport | Mono County

There will be a Main Street parade, kids' games, a softball

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tournament, arts and crafts, arm wrestling, a greased pole climb contest, mud volleyball, horseshoe tournament, barbecue and of course fireworks. On July 4 there will be a 5K run/3K walk and Duck's Unlimited Tri-Tip Shoot, and on July 4-5 will be rodeo.

### Big Day in the Park

Bishop | Inyo County

Free all-day event for all. Exhibition baseball game. Free swimming. Free watermelon, pie and ice cream. Open play tennis, bocce and sand volleyball. Call (760) 873-5863 for information.



# July 4 ▲

## 40th Annual Mammoth Celebrates the Arts

Mammoth Lakes | Mono County

The Fourth of July parade in Mammoth is a highlight of the summer.

### Bishop fireworks show

Bishop | Inyo County

Spectacular fireworks show sponsored by the Bishop Fire Department. Bring your barbecue, coolers, and shade. After sundown, watch the night sky show; 4 – 9:30 p.m. Contact (760) 873-5863 for information.

### 12th Annual Footloose Freedom Mile

Mammoth Lakes | Mono County

The Footloose Freedom Mile is a one mile road race staged 30 minutes before the town Fourth of July parade on Old Mammoth Road in Mammoth Lakes, California. The race starts at the Snowcreek driving range and finishes near Footloose Sports at the corner of Old Mammoth Road and Main Street. All race proceeds benefit the Mammoth Track Project and Disabled Sports. It starts at 10 a.m. Pre-registration costs \$25 and day-of registration costs \$35.

### Independence Day in Independence

Independence | Inyo County

Old-fashioned fun from dawn to dusk in the Inyo County seat, including a 4K/10K, pancake breakfast, parade, arts and crafts, games, pie and ice cream social, concerts, barbecue and fireworks. Visit [www.independence-ca.com](http://www.independence-ca.com).

### Walk for Veterans

Big Pine | Inyo County

Hosted by the Big Pine American Legion as a way to honor the significance of Independence Day.

### Independence Day Parade

Mammoth | Mono County

Sponsored annually by the Mammoth Chamber of Commerce, this parade includes outlandish floats and costumes. Call (760) 934-6717 or visit [www.mammothlakes-chamber.org](http://www.mammothlakes-chamber.org).

### Fourth of July 5K Run/3K Walk

Coleville | Mono County

Sponsored by the Coleville Boosters. Call (760) 932-7500.

### Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Mammoth Lakes | Mono County

Held from 7-11 a.m. in the Mammoth Mall parking lot, breakfast includes orange juice, coffee, sausage and all the pancakes you can eat. Call (760) 934-0017 or (760) 934-2030.

### Fourth of July BBQ and Horseshoe Tourney

June Lake Loop | Mono County

Held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Silver Lake Resort Trailer Park. Visit [www.silverlakeresort.net](http://www.silverlakeresort.net).

### Fireworks Spectacular

Crowley Lake | Mono County

The Independence Day fireworks show promises to be a bright and striking display of color in the Eastern Sierra night sky. This year's "Sky Concert" will propel over 737 shells into the Eastern Sierra sky for a mesmerizing 20 minutes beginning at approximately 9:15 p.m. (weather permitting). Admission: \$25.00 per car, RV or truck (excludes camping); \$5.00 per individual/bike (walking/riding).

### Free Fishing Day

Eastern Sierra | Inyo-Mono

One of only two days during the year that anyone can fish eligible waters of Inyo and Mono counties without a license. For more information on fishing regulations, contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at (760) 872-1171 or (760) 934-2664 or go to [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov)

### 11-12

### Mammoth Jazzfest

Mammoth Lakes | Mono County

Mammoth Jazzfest 2019 is all about refreshing, renewing and reinventing jazz in Mammoth Lakes with a collaboration of contemporary, fusion, latin and other genres of jazz music. Friday night features a wine walk and tribute by the Scott Martin Band, while Saturday is a melting pot of jazz bands, eclectic foods and interactive activities. The event is non-ticketed and free for all.

### TBD

### Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair

### Junior Livestock Show and Auction

Bishop | Inyo County



Hundreds of 4-H & FFA youth from Inyo, Mono and neighboring Nevada counties bring their best livestock projects to the Tri-County Fairgrounds to compete for top honors. Culminates in an auction for locally raised animals. Call (760) 873-3588 or visit [www.tricountyfair.com](http://www.tricountyfair.com).

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9-11

### **Mammoth Food and Wine Experience**

*Mammoth | Mono County*

Educate your palette via food and wine tastings (25-plus wineries and dozens of restaurants represented) and 30 seminars. Live auction also featured. Proceeds benefit the Mammoth Lakes Foundation. Visit [www.mammothfoodandwine.org](http://www.mammothfoodandwine.org).

TBD

### **June Lake Triathlon and Festival**

*June Lake | Mono County*

Join in or watch the "Toughest Race in the Most Beautiful Place" for the June Lake Triathlon. This triathlon brings the triathlon tradition to a majestic alpine setting. Swim in clear and crisp June Lake, bike around the lake basin loop road and run up outrageous trails with spectacular mountain views.

17-19

### **Mammoth Reggae Festival**

*Mammoth | Mono County*

The Mammoth Reggae Festival is a free two-day concert at The Village Mammoth in the beautiful Eastern Sierra.

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### **Kids' Fishing Festival**

*Mammoth Lakes | Mono County*

The annual Kids Fishing Festival is a free event open to kids 14 and younger. The event takes place at the ponds adjacent to the Snowcreek Resort Rental Office. There will be lots of prizes. Contact (760) 937-2942 or [www.KidsFishFest.com](http://www.KidsFishFest.com).

24-26

### **13th Annual Villagefest**

*Mammoth | Mono County*

The Mammoth VillageFest has been dubbed the "World's Highest Rib Cook-off." This free three-day event takes place at The Village at Mammoth where you can check out delicious dishes from local restaurants vying for the title of Best Ribs, Chicken and Chili. Enjoy concerts each night by world-class musicians, a beer and wine garden, an art walk and much more. Call (760) 924-1575 or visit [www.villageatmammoth.com](http://www.villageatmammoth.com).

TBD

### **Mono Village Summer Fishing Derby**

*Upper Twin Lakes, Bridgeport | Mono County*

Cash and merchandise prizes given in several categories in this derby sponsored by Annett's Mono Village. Registration fee required. Call (760) 932-7071 or visit [www.MonoVillage.com](http://www.MonoVillage.com).

July 30-Aug. 2

### **23rd Annual Mammoth Festival of Beers and Bluesapalooza**

*Mammoth | Mono County*

Four-day event takes place outdoors among the pines, includes the Festival of Beers Grand Tasting with more than 70 microbreweries and features a variety of top blues performers from around the country. Sunday morning is the Sunday Hangover Party. Call (888) 992-7397 or visit [www.mammothbluesbrewsfest.com](http://www.mammothbluesbrewsfest.com).

## **August**

TBD

### **Crowley Lake Stillwater Classic**

*Crowley Lake | Mono County*

Contact Crowley Lake Fish Camp - (760) 935-4301 for more information.

TBD

### **47th Annual Mammoth Lakes Fine Arts and Crafts Festival**

*Mammoth | Mono County*

The free event, which runs from 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m. each day, will give attendees the opportunity to meet with talented artists and artisans from throughout the western United States as they present their original works against the majestic background of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The Mammoth Lakes Fine Arts & Crafts Festival takes place on the grounds of Kittredge Sports, at the corner of Highway 203 (Main Street) and Forest Trail in Mammoth Lakes. On display will be a wide variety of arts and crafts including photography, watercolor and oil paintings, ceramics, jewelry, woodwork and much more. Call (209) 296-1195 or visit [www.pacificfinearts.com](http://www.pacificfinearts.com).

TBD

### **Bridgeport Fish Fest and Poker Run**

*Bridgeport | Mono County*

This fishing derby features a poker run, live music and is hosted by the Twin Lakes Resort.

TBD

### **Mammoth Lakes Challenge and Quake & Shake**

*Whitmore Pool | Mono County*

The Challenge is a triathlon taking place at Whitmore Pool on Saturday, offering three course levels. The Quake & Shake is a 10K/half-marathon race starting Sunday in the Inyo Craters parking lot. Both are offered by Sierra Nevada Races: [www.sierra-nevada-races.com](http://www.sierra-nevada-races.com).

7-8

### **7th Annual Mammoth Margarita Festival**

*Mammoth Lakes | Mono County*

The Mammoth Margarita Festival features premium tequila tasting, four amazingly talented bands/duos, 15 to 25 tequila distilleries with more than 75 tasting opportunities and Margarita Alley. Visit [www.villageatmammoth.com](http://www.villageatmammoth.com).

TBD

### **Firemen's Barbecue**

*June Lake | Mono County*

Event includes a boat raffle, prizes, music, festivities all day. Call (760) 937-2386.

TBD

### **Friends of Bodie Day**

*Bodie State Park | Mono County*

Events include daytimes festivities, living history presentations and special tours, as well as a members-only dinner. See more at [www.bodiefoundation.org](http://www.bodiefoundation.org).

13-16

### **12th Annual Mammoth Festival of Wine, Music and Food**

*Mammoth Lakes | Mono County*

Four days of wining and dining with exclusive Winemaker Dinners at two of Mammoth's premiere restaurants, a Wine Walk in the Village featuring 20-plus wineries pouring more than 45 vintages and a Sunday Champagne Brunch at Campo. Visit [www.villageatmammoth.com](http://www.villageatmammoth.com).

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20-22

### Mammoth Rocks and Taste of the Sierra

Mammoth Lakes | **Mono County**

Family-friendly activities at the Village, including popular tribute bands, samples from the Sierra's favorite restaurants and a Kids' Activity Center. Free admission. Call (760) 934-6717 or visit [mammothrocks.net](http://mammothrocks.net).

TBD

### Mammoth Rock N' Rye

Mammoth Lakes | **Mono County**

As part of the Outside on the Eastside – a colorful celebration of arts, culture and recreation – Mammoth Rock N' Rye is three days of free live music, two tastings of more than 30 distilleries and endless fun.

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### Free Fishing Day

Eastern Sierra | **Inyo-Mono**

One of only two days during the year that anyone can fish eligible waters of Inyo and Mono counties without a license. For more information on fishing regulations, contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at (760) 872-1171 or (760) 934-2664 or go to [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov).

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### Fishin' Mission Foundation BBQ & Concert

Bridgeport | **Mono County**

Annual fundraiser for the Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Program. Founder's Day celebration. Visit [www.Fishin-Mission-Foundation.org](http://www.Fishin-Mission-Foundation.org) for tickets.

## September

2-Nov. 15

### "Ambush at the Lake" Fall Fishing Derby

Convict Lake | **Mono County**

Catch a tagged fish during the Convict Lake Fall Fishing Derby Series through Nov. 15 and win thousands of dollars in cash and prizes. Call (800) 992-2260.

3-7

### Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair

Bishop | **Inyo County**

Residents of Inyo, Mono and Alpine counties get together for a good old-fashioned county fair. Competition for the coveted blue ribbons, pie contest, pet show, rodeo, salsa contest, homebrewed beer and wine contest, carnival rides and games, destruction derby, petting zoo, live music, strolling and stage acts, great food, vendors galore and so much more. Call (760) 873-3588 or visit [www.tri-countyfair.com](http://www.tri-countyfair.com).

4-6

### 49th Labor Day Festival of the Arts

Mammoth | **Mono County**

Over the course of four days, visitors and residents of Mammoth Lakes will enjoy more than 110 exhibiting visual artists, sample international food, local craft beers and wine, listen to live musical performances and entertain families with kid's art workshops at Sam's Wood Site on Minaret Road. Free admission. Call (760) 873-7242 or visit [www.monoarts.org](http://www.monoarts.org).

4-6

### Labor Day Weekend Arts & Crafts Show

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Bishop | **Inyo County**

This annual show at Bishop City Park includes dozens of booths featuring art, photography, jewelry, weavings, wood carving and turning, ceramics, gourd art, clothing, food and more. Free admission and free parking. Call the Inyo Council for the Arts at (760) 873-8014.

4-6

### Labor Day Fishing Derby

Upper Twin Lakes, Bridgeport | **Mono County**

Cash and merchandise prizes given in several categories in this derby sponsored by Annett's Mono Village. Registration fee required. Call (760) 932-7071 or visit [www.MonoVillage.com](http://www.MonoVillage.com).

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### 11,053<sup>rd</sup> Summer Ezakimak Challenge

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area | **Mono County**

Challenge yourself – and gravity – on an uphill moonlit 5k race from the base of Mammoth Mountain to the summit on a mountain bike or by foot. The race will follow the legendary Kamikaze bike trail. Spectators and family can greet you at the finish line and cheer you on from the summit, with an evening gondola ride to the top. Everyone can witness the July full moon rise high in the sky, and then get down at the 11,053 Sunset & Full Moon Summit Party. The race starts at 7pm and costs \$40 in advance, \$50 on-site. Discounts are available for Cal4nia Passholders and students.

11-13

### Graniteman Challenge

June Lake, Tioga | **Mono County**

This one's a doozie of a triathlon. On Friday, swim 24 miles in June Lake. On Saturday, take on the High Sierra Fall Century. And Sunday, have a go at the Tioga Pass Run. Visit [highsierratri.org](http://highsierratri.org).

TBD

### June Lake Loop Mountain Music Festival

June Lake | **Mono County**

June Lake Loop Mountain Music Festival. Music inspired by the High Sierra. Tickets will go on sale the month before the event. Call (760) 648-7774 or visit [JuneLakeMusic.com](http://JuneLakeMusic.com).

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### Laws Railroad Museum Good Ole' Days

Bishop | **Inyo County**

An old-fashioned day of fun for the whole family from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Laws Railroad Museum; includes good food, games, entertainment, live music, a pie auction and old-time crafts demonstrations. Free admission. Call (760) 873-5950.

TBD

### 38th Annual Tioga Pass Run

Lee Vining | **Mono County**

Runners experience 3,200-foot elevation gain over a 12.4-mile course. Starts in downtown Lee Vining and finishes at the Tioga Pass entrance station to Yosemite. Visit [www.monolake.org](http://www.monolake.org).

TBD

### Kamikaze Bike Games

Mammoth | **Mono County**

The Kamikaze Bike Games is a multi-disciplined bike event

that offers off-road fun for all ability levels with live music, an expo, kids races and more.

18-20

### 29th Annual Millpond Music Festival

Bishop | **Inyo County**

Featuring live entertainment with an eclectic and fine collection of traditional and contemporary music. Beautiful mountain backdrop, children's arts and crafts activities, workshops by performers, art show by local artists, cultural villages, food and drink booths. All tickets and campsites on sale April 1. For more information and updates on the lineup, call (760) 873-8014 or visit [www.inyo.org/millpond](http://www.inyo.org/millpond).

17-19

### Mammoth Oktoberfest

Mammoth | **Mono County**

Mammoth Oktoberfest is a family-friendly event that offers three days of music by Bayern Maiden, authentic Bavarian cuisine, games and fun for all while celebrating the beginning of the fall harvest. It's free for everyone.

TBD

### Eastern Sierra ATV & UTV Jamboree

Walker | **Mono County**

Several fun-filled days of guided trail rides into and through scenic public lands of northern Mono County. Listen to history on the local area and take great photos along the way. Registration deadline is May 31. Email [info@northernmonochamber.com](mailto:info@northernmonochamber.com) or call (530) 208-6078.

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### Fee-Free Day at National Parks

Death Valley, Sequoia-Kings and Yosemite | **Inyo-Mono**

The Park Service waives entrance fees at national parks around the nation.

25-27

### 33rd Annual Pow Wow and California

#### Indian Day Celebration

Bishop and Big Pine | **Inyo County**

Celebrate California Indian Day on the Paiute Reservation on Pa Ha Lane, adjacent to Paiute Palace Casino. It's outdoors, bring your own canopy and chairs. Includes a parade, Indian drummers, Northern and Southern Traditional costume contest, hand drum contest, princess contest, traditional handgames. Admission and parking free. Free deep-pit barbecue for everyone on Saturday.

## October

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### Fall Colors Car Show

Bishop | **Inyo County**

The Owens Valley Cruisers Car Club hosts classic cars from all over the West in a classic setting at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Events include the Show & Shine, pancake breakfast, Cruisin' Parade, '50s dance, vendor and arts and crafts booths, raffles and awards ceremony. Visit [www.owensvalleycruisers.com](http://www.owensvalleycruisers.com).

9-11

### Annual Lone Pine Film Festival

Lone Pine | **Inyo County**

Lone Pine's celebration of more than 85 years of movie making in the area, featuring a parade, tours of movie

locations, celebrity panels, arts and crafts fair, movie memorabilia exhibits, a concert, cowboy poetry and screenings at film history museum and high school. Call (760) 876-9103.

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### **Choo-Choo Swap Meet**

*Bishop* | **Inyo County**

One hundred yard sales in one location: the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Entry fee at the gate supports Laws Railroad Museum.

**9-11**

### **VMC Dual Sport Motorcycle Ride**

*Bishop* | **Inyo County**

Registration and start at the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds. Go to [www.venturacountymc.com](http://www.venturacountymc.com) for more information.

**15-18**

### **Mammoth Photo Festival**

*Mammoth Lakes* | **Mono County**

Some of photography's greatest names will descend upon one of the world's most beautiful locations to lead a photography experience unlike any other.

**23-27**

### **Eastern Sierra History Conference**

*Mammoth Lakes* | **Mono County**

Anyone who is interested in the natural and cultural history of the Eastern Sierra is invited to attend the annual Eastern Sierra History Conference. For more information call (760) 872-1220.

**TBD**

### **Morrison's Bonus Derby Weekend**

*Convict Lake* | **Mono County**

As part of the Ambush at the Lake Derby, 14 tagged trophy trout will be stocked for bonus derby weekend. \$2000 in cash prizes for each bonus derby will be associated with the tagged fish. Contact (800) 922-2260.

**TBD**

### **7th Annual June Lake Autumn Beer Festival**

*June Lake* | **Mono County**

Visit [www.junelakeloop.org](http://www.junelakeloop.org) for more information.

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### **Halloween Party**

*Tom's Place* | **Mono County**

Each year on the Saturday closest to Halloween, residents and visitors gather at the restaurant/bar at Tom's Place Resort in full costume for prizes and lots of dancing to live music. Call (760) 935-4329 or visit [www.tomsplaceresort.com](http://www.tomsplaceresort.com).

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### **Sierra Inn Halloween Party**

*June Lake* | **Mono County**

An annual party featuring a costume contest and music and dancing. Must be at least 21 years of age. Visit [www.junelakeloop.org](http://www.junelakeloop.org).

## **November**

**TBD**

### **Fall Highball Craggin' Classic**

*Bishop* | **Inyo County**

Three-day grassroots climbing festival. Films, clinics, parties, slide shows and stewardship projects. Go to [craggin-classic.com](http://craggin-classic.com) for more information.

**TBD**

### **37th Annual Toiyabe Road Run**

*Bishop* | **Inyo County**

There will be a 1K, 5K and 10K walk and run. Great prizes. Maps and information are available at [toiyabe.us](http://toiyabe.us), or call (760) 873-8461.

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### **Fee-Free Day at National Parks**

*Death Valley, Sequoia-Kings and Yosemite* | **Inyo-Mono**

The Park Service waives entrance fees at National Parks around the nation.

### **Veterans Day Observance**

*Big Pine* | **Inyo County**

Beginning at 11 a.m. at the Big Pine Veterans Memorial at the intersection of U.S. Highway 395 and State Route 168 at the north end of town, the Big Pine American Legion helps honor America's servicemen and women around the world, both past and present, who stand ready to preserve our freedom.

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### **General Trout Season Ends**

*Eastern Sierra* | **Inyo-Mono**

Local lakes and streams close to fishing for the season, though year-round fishing opportunities exist in certain area waters.

**TBD**

### **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

*Independence* | **Inyo County**

Residents are invited to the annual Independence Community Thanksgiving Dinner held the Sunday before Thanksgiving in the Owens Valley School Multi-Purpose Room. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert if they can, and enjoy the friendship of the Independence community. Turkey, dressing, gravy, drinks and table service will be provided. Call Sally at (760) 878-2594 for more information.

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### **VFW Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

*Bishop* | **Inyo County**

Bishop VFW Post 8988 and Ladies Auxiliary welcome the public to a free community Thanksgiving dinner at the post, 484 Short St. The groups usually serve about 300 to 400 meals. Call the Post at (760) 873-5770 or contact Cheryl Underhill at (760) 920-0106.

### **Salvation Army Community**

#### **Thanksgiving Dinner**

*Bishop* | **Inyo County**

Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner, 621 W. Line St.. Donations accepted. Contact Lt. Hooper for information at (760) 872-2124.

### **Thanksgiving Turkey Trot**

*Mammoth* | **Mono County**

Kick start the holiday season by committing to health and fitness with a two-mile road race in Mammoth Lakes. The Mammoth Track Club will be there to cheer you on and celebrate over a cup of hot chocolate at the finish. Register in advance for \$15 or day-of for \$20 at Mammoth Creek Park. For more information, call

(760) 709-0620.

**TBD**

### **Opening of Mammoth Ice Rink**

*Mammoth* | **Mono County**

Call (760) 934-2505 or visit [www.mammothicerink.com](http://www.mammothicerink.com).

**TBD**

### **Holiday Tree Lighting**

*Mammoth* | **Mono County**

The Village at Mammoth and the Town of Mammoth Lakes present a kickoff to the holidays and start to the Spirit of Giving Week. Join Woolly and Santa for photos, kids activities and live music outdoors in a festive holiday atmosphere. The tree will be lit at 6 p.m. and will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by holiday wishes and photos with Santa and Woolly in Santa's World. Visit [www.visitmammoth.com](http://www.visitmammoth.com).

**TBD**

### **Thanksgiving Art Festival**

*Mammoth* | **Mono County**

Local and visiting artists at Minaret Village Mall. Free admission. Visit [www.monoarts.org](http://www.monoarts.org).

## **December**

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### **Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting Ceremony**

*Bishop* | **Inyo County**

Parade begins at High Country Lumber and heads north on Main Street, ending at Bishop City Park for the tree lighting. Call (760) 873-8405 for information.

### **Street of Lights**

*Bishop* | **Inyo County**

A festive customer appreciation party, immediately following the tree lighting ceremony at City Park. More than 40 shops, restaurants and other businesses participate. Music, warming fires, treats from restaurants, and, naturally, Santa will cruise the downtown area. Call (760) 873-8405.

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### **Railroad Express**

*Bishop* | **Inyo County**

Kids can enjoy train rides, live entertainment, crafts and visits with Santa; 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Laws Railroad Museum. Call 873-8405 for information.

**TBD**

### **Night of Lights**

*Mammoth Mountain Ski Area* | **Mono County**

Live music, fireworks and more against the backdrop of the Sierra. Visit [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com).

**24**

### **Christmas Eve at the Courthouse**

*Independence* | **Inyo County**

Santa and his reindeer appear on the courthouse roof in Independence followed by gift distribution to the children.

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### **Community Christmas Dinner**

*Bishop* | **Inyo County**

Community volunteers welcome anyone and everyone to enjoy a hearty, free Christmas meal at the United Methodist Center from 1-3 p.m. There will be live music and a festive atmosphere. Anyone who is able is invited to bring a dessert.



# Guide to Eastern Sierra Campgrounds

The Campground Guide is intended to provide vacationers to the Eastern Sierra with a general overview of the campgrounds available in Inyo and Mono counties. **Fees and other applicable information are always subject to change.** The fee and other information included here was the most current data available when the Fishing Guide went to press.

As a general rule, most campgrounds open with

the spring thaw and close before the first winter storm in the fall. Some of the campgrounds located at lower elevations and those privately or county-owned are open year round. Tuttle Creek Campground, managed by the BLM, is open year round.

It is always recommended that visitors contact the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center at (760) 924-5500, or the BLM at (760) 872-5008, for the most up-to-date information as the summer camp-

ing season draws near.

Visitors may also call the ranger districts at the phone numbers provided below, or visit the following websites, for up-to-date information:

[www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/recreation/campgrounds.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/recreation/campgrounds.shtml)  
[www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bishop/camping/index.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bishop/camping/index.html)  
[www.inyocountycamping.com](http://www.inyocountycamping.com)

## Key:

**C** – Concession; **R** – Reservations; **DS** – Dump Station (\$6 donation); **A** – Handicapped Accessible; **B** – Bear Boxes Available; **S** – Sewer; **E** – Electricity; **V** – Vault Toilets; **F** – Flush

Campground & Information Number	Sites	Details	Elevation	Water	Fee	Max. stay
<b>LONE PINE AREA – (760) 876-6200</b>						
<u>Horseshoe Meadow</u>						
Cottonwood Pass Backpacker (walk-in)	18	B/V	10,000	pipd	\$6	1
Cottonwood Lakes Backpacker (walk-in)	13	B/V	10,000	pipd	\$6	1
Horseshoe Meadows (equestrian)	10	B/V	10,000	pipd	\$12	1
<u>Lone Pine Creek</u>						
Lone Pine	43	B/R/V	6,000	pipd	\$22	14
Lone Pine (group)	1	B/R/V	6,000	pipd	\$60	14
Whitney Portal	43	B/R/V	8,000	pipd	\$24	7
Whitney Portal (group)	3	B/R/V	8,100	pipd	\$75	7
Whitney Trailhead (walk-in)	25	B/V	8,300	pipd	\$15	1
<u>Independence Creek</u>						
Lower Grays Meadow	52	B/R/V	6,000	pipd	\$21	14
Upper Grays Meadow	35	B/R/V	6,200	pipd	\$21	14
Onion Valley	29	B/R/V	9,200	pipd	\$20	14
<u>Other Campgrounds</u>						
Diaz Lake (Inyo County)	200	C/R	3,700	pipd	\$14	15
Independence Creek (Inyo County)	25		3,900	pipd	\$14	15
Tuttle Creek (BLM 760-872-5008)	83	DS/A	5,120	none in winter dump station/horse corrals	\$5 per night/\$5 for 14	
Goodale Creek (BLM)	43		4,000	none	\$5	14
Portagee Joe (Inyo County)	15		3,800	well	\$14	14
<b>BISHOP AREA – (760) 873-2500</b>						
<u>Big Pine Creek</u>						
Big Pine Creek	30	B/R/V	7,700	pipd	\$23	14
Sage Flat	28	B/V	7,400	pipd	\$23	14
Upper Sage Flat	21	B/R/V	7,600	pipd	\$23	14
Palisade Glacier (group no. 518)	1	B/R/V	7,600	pipd	\$75	14
Clyde Glacier (group no. 518)	1	B/R/V	7,600	pipd	\$75	14
<u>White Mountains</u>						
Grandview	23	V	8,560	none	\$5	14
Ferguson (group)	3	V	7,200	none	\$35	14
<u>Bishop Creek</u>						
Big Trees	16	B/F	7,500	pipd	\$26	7
Bishop Park (group)	1	B/R/V	8,200	none	\$75	14
Bitterbrush	35	B/V	7,350	pipd	\$23	14
Forks	21	B/F	7,800	pipd	\$26	7
Four Jeffrey	104	R/DS/F	8,100	pipd	\$23	14
Intake II	13	B/F	8,200	pipd	\$26	7
Mountain Glen	5	B/V	8,200	none	\$24	7

North Lake (no trailers/RVs)	11	B/V	9,500	pipd	\$23	7
Sabrina	19	B/V	9,000	pipd	\$26	7
Willow	8	B/V	9,000	none	\$23	7
Table Mountain (group)	1	B/R/V	8,500	pipd	\$75	
<u>Rock Creek</u>						
Big Meadow	11	B/F	8,600	pipd	\$25	7
East Fork	133	B/R/F	9,000	pipd	\$25	14
French Camp	86	B/R/DS/F	7,500	pipd	\$25	21
Iris Meadow	14	B/F	8,300	pipd	\$25	7
Palisade (Group)	5	B/V	8,600	yes	\$75	7
Pine Grove	11	B/V	9,300	yes	\$25	7
Rock Creek Lake	28	B/F	9,600	yes	\$25	7
Tuff	34	B/R/V	7,000	yes	\$23	21
Upper Pine Grove	8	B/V	9,400	yes	\$25	7
Holiday	35	V	7,500	pipd	\$25	14
Aspen (group)	1	B/R	8,100	yes	\$80	14
Mosquito Flat Trailhead (walk-in)	10	B	10,100	none	none	1
Rock Creek Lake (group)	1	B/R	9,700	yes	\$75	14

#### McGee Creek

McGee Creek	28	B/R	7,600	pipd	\$25	14
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#### Other Campgrounds

Tri-County Fairgrounds (State of Calif.)	42	R/S/E	4, 140	yes	\$15	30
Millpond Recreation Area (private)	60	C/E	4,444	pipd	\$27-71	14
Brown's Town Campground (private)	100	C/E	4,147	pipd	\$33	14
Glacier View Campground (private)	40	C/E	3,985	well	\$15-20	15
Pleasant Valley (Inyo County)	200		4,300	yes	\$14	14
Pleasant Valley Pit – Winter (BLM)	75		4,300	none	\$5	60
Baker Creek (Inyo County)	70		4,159	none	\$14	15
Tinnemaha Creek (Inyo County)	55			well	\$14	15
Taboose Creek (Inyo County)	50		3,897	none	\$14	15
Horton Creek (BLM)	49	DS/A	4,975	yes	\$8 per night/ \$5 for dump station	14

### **MAMMOTH LAKES AREA – (760) 924-5500**

#### Convict Lake

Convict Lake	85	B/R/F/DS	7,600	pipd	\$25	7
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#### Mammoth Village Area

New Shady Rest	92	B/R/DS	7,800	pipd	\$23	14
Old Shady Rest	47	R	7,800	pipd	\$23	14
Sherwin Creek	85	B/R	7,600	pipd	\$23	21
Pine Glen (overflow)	10		7,800	pipd	\$22	14
Pine Glen (group)	7	B/R	7,800	pipd	varies by size	14

#### Mammoth Lakes Basin

Coldwater	77	B/R	8,900	pipd	\$24	14
Twin Lakes	92	B/R	8,600	pipd	\$24	7
Lake George	16	B	9,000	pipd	\$24	7
Lake Mary	46	B	8,900	pipd	\$24	14
Pine City	10	B	8,900	pipd	\$24	14

#### Reds Meadow Area

Agnew Meadows (Equestrian and group sites)	21	B	8,400	pipd	\$23	14
Minaret Falls	24	B	7,600	pipd	\$23	14
Red's Meadow	56	B	7,600	pipd	\$23	14
Pumice Flat	17	C	7,700	pipd	\$23	14
Upper Soda Springs	29	C/A	7,700	pipd	\$23	14
Pumice Flat (group)	4	B/R	7,700	pipd	varies by size	14

#### Other Campgrounds

Crowley Lake (BLM)	48	DS/A	9,200	yes	\$8	14
Devil's Postpile (Nat'l. Park Service)	21		7,679	pipd	\$20	14
Mammoth Mountain RV Park	179	C/DS/S/E/R	7,800	yes	\$35-\$80	n/a



## LEE VINING/JUNE LAKE AREA – (760) 647-3044

### Crestview Area

Big Springs	26		7,300	none	none	14
Deadman, Lower	15		7,800	none	none	14
Upper Deadman	15		7,780	none	none	14
Glass Creek	50		7,600	none	none	14
Hartley Springs	20		8,400	none	none	14
Obsidian Flat (group)	1	B/R/V	7,800	none	\$20	14

### June Lake Loop

Aerie Crag (RVs only/overflow)	10	V	7,200	none	\$15	3
Gull Lake	11	B/F	7,600	pipied	\$23	14
June Lake	28	B/R/F	7,600	pipied	\$23	14
Oh! Ridge	144	B/R/F	7,600	pipied	\$27.50	14
Reversed Creek	17	B/F	7,600	pipied	\$23	14
Silver Lake	63	B/R/F	7,200	pipied	\$23	14

### Lee Vining Area

Lower Lee Vining	53	B/V	7,300	none	\$14	14
Moraine	20	V	7,350	none	\$14	14
Aspen Grove	56	B/V	7,490	pipied	\$14	14
Big Bend	17	B/V	7,800	pipied	\$22	14
Ellery Lake	21	B/V	9,500	pipied	\$22	14
Junction	13	B/V	9,600	none	\$17	14
Sawmill (walk-in)	12	B/V	9,800	none	\$17	14
Tioga Lake (small trailers/RVs)	13	B/V	9,700	pipied	\$22	14
Saddlebag Lake (small trailers/RVs)	19	B/V	10,000	pipied	\$22	14
Trailhead Group (@ Saddlebag Lake)	1	B/R/V	10,000	pipied	\$94	14

### Other Campgrounds

Lee Vining Canyon (Mono County)	182		6,800	none	\$16	none
Lundy Canyon (Mono County)	54		7,800	none	\$16	none

## BRIDGEPORT RANGER DISTRICT – (760) 932-7070

### Bridgeport Campgrounds

Honeymoon Flat	47		7,000	yes	\$20	
N. Robinson Creek	54		7,000	yes	\$23	
Paha	22		7,000	yes	\$23	
Crags	27		7,100	yes	\$23	
Lower Twin	15		7,000	yes	\$25	
Buckeye	65		7,000	yes	\$20	
Green Creek	11		7,500	yes	\$20	
Trumbull Lake	45		9,500	yes	varies by size	
Obsidian	14		7,800	no	\$12	
Sonora Bridge	23		6,800	yes	\$20	
Leavitt Meadows	16		7,000	yes	\$20	
Chris Flat	15		6,600	yes	\$22	
Bootleg	63		6,600	yes	\$22	
Desert Creek	13		6,300	no	none	
Green Creek (group site 1)	25		7,500	yes	\$60	
Green Creek (group site 2)	30		7,500	yes	\$75	
Crags (Group)	45		7,100	yes	varies by size	

## CARSON RANGER DISTRICT – (775) 882-2766

### Carson Campgrounds

Lookout	22		6,700	no	\$6	
Mt. Rose	24		8,900	yes	\$22	
Crystal Springs	22		6,600	yes	\$18	
Markleeville	10		5,500	yes	\$18	
Kit Carson	12		6,900	yes	\$18	
Hope Valley	20		7,300	yes	\$22	
Silver Creek	22		6,800	yes	\$18	
Hope Valley (Group)	3-16 PAOT			yes	\$25	
Lookout (Group)	1-30 PAOT			no	\$25	

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