

WELCOME TO BISHOP

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Thank you for requesting a Press Kit from the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau. We are all very proud of our town, and we hope that in your journey through the materials we've provided, you will find answers to your questions regarding this highly diverse area of the Eastern Sierra.

You will find a variety of very useful information here including the Treasure Map Supplement is a very useful tool in determining the key spots for fishing in the Bishop Area and The Bishop Vacation Planner is also a useful tool in that you will find many contact numbers that will be useful, including:

- Lodging Guide & Campground Guide
- Yearly calendar of events
- Map of Bishop
- Contact numbers of other Chambers of Commerce and Visitor Centers

We would very much like to introduce ourselves to you. Please feel free to contact us at any time. Our goal to you the press is very simple: we are here for you. Any information that is not provided in the Press Kit that you feel would be beneficial, let us know and we'll get that information to you as soon as possible. You can also visit our web site at www.bishopvisitor.com

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Please use the tools provided in the Press Kit, and any be sure to know that we are more than happy to host you here in our town, or if we can't meet you in person, at least provide you with what you need. Press Fam Trips are always available.

Thank you and happy trails,

Tawni Thomson

Executive Director

BISHOP COMMUNITY PROFILE

LOCATION: Located at the base of the Sierra Nevada, Owens Valley, Highway 395.

ELEVATION: 4,140 feet

CLIMATE: 78% Sunny Days, **Low** 25 Degrees Fahrenheit, **High** 105 Degrees Fahrenheit

POPULATION: 3,438 within the City of Bishop (2000), 14,755 surrounding areas (2000)

SCHOOLS: Bishop Public Schools K-12; Round Valley Public Schools K-8; Seventh Day Adventist 1-8; Calvary Baptist K-12; two church pre-schools; one privately operated pre-school; Cerro Coso Community College. Four year degrees are offered through La Verne and Cal-State Bakersfield at Cerro Coso.

MEDICAL SERVICES: Northern Inyo Hospital has 32 beds, including an Intensive Care Unit, 24 hour Emergency Room and is staffed with 32 Physicians/Surgeons. The hospital has recently expanded its: ER facility, Radiology, Surgery, and Obstetrics Departments. Bishop also has specialists in optometry, psychiatry, psychology, podiatry, urology, orthodontics, and dentistry.

EXISTING EMPLOYMENT BUSINESSES: Wages and Salaries from employment comprise only 53.3% of personal income received by Inyo County residents during 1995. Dividends, interest, and rent accounted for 22.8%; and transfer payments (social security, welfare, unemployment insurance, and retirement) were the remaining 23.9%. Government, utility and mining employment has declined since 1995.

THINGS TO DO AND SEE: Bishop is the largest community in Inyo County, situated in the Owens Valley. Four seasons include recreational choices such as back packing, pack trips, fishing, hunting, hang gliding and ski touring. Other choices include photography, nature trips, geological finds and cross country cycling.

Bishop entertains locals and visitors alike with such events as the Bishop Fly-In, Mule Days Celebration, Tri-County Fair, Jr. Livestock Show, Blake Jones Trout Derby, 4th of July Fireworks, and much more.

The Laws Railroad Museum provides a unique glimpse of Bishop's past through their true to life exhibits. The Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center takes visitors even further into Bishop's past where only the ancient ones dwelt.

Bishop is also the center of commerce in Inyo County, attracting unique businesses looking for a most meaningful lifestyle.

There is more to Inyo County than we could ever describe here are some pertinent facts:

WHO SHOULD CONSIDER INYO COUNTY: Small to medium size businesses who wish to locate in an area that would attract top-notch employees looking for a small town lifestyle that offers spectacular natural beauty, clean air, low crime rate and no traffic congestion. You can have the feeling that you and your employees belong in Inyo County.

WHY CONSIDER INYO COUNTY: Local Government has a positive attitude toward economic growth and the business community offers a favorable wage and salary structure. Good educational opportunities exist for people of all ages. Local schools have produced leaders in local, state and national positions. Healthful environment. Reasonable travel distance to urban areas.

LOCATION: Central Eastern California, USA Sierra Mountains lie to the West. State of Nevada to the East.

CLIMATE: Owens Valley (75% population of Inyo Co.), 4 season climate, annual rainfall 5" - snowfall 6". Sierra Nevada Mountains and Death Valley offer extremes of elevation. Air quality - very good.

LAND AREA: 10,141 sq. Miles - 2nd largest County in California.

ELEVATIONS: Mt. Whitney, 14,497', Highest point in the continental U.S.
Bad Water in Death Valley, 282' below sea level; lowest point in the continental U.S.

POPULATION: 18,000 concentrated principally in small towns of the Owens Valley and in the Southeast corner close to Las Vegas.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Area is a "vacationland". All forms of outdoor recreation are available and convenient.

TRANSPORTATION:

TRUCK: Good service by multiple carrier on US Highway San Diego and Reno. U.P.S. and Federal Express.

AIR: General Aviation airports at Bishop. 7,500' runway and Lone Pine, 4,000' runway. Air commuter and charter service at Bishop.

BUS: CREST bi-weekly service (North and South)

HIGHWAYS: US Highway 395 is the main North/South route. Excellent well maintained system of County and other State roads.

UTILITIES:

ELECTRICITY: Southern California Edison or Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

WATER: Local water systems and mutual water companies, private wells and Los Angeles Department of Water & Power.

SEWER: Available in established areas.

GAS: Propane available through private suppliers.

TELEPHONE: Verizon System throughout County

TAX RATES: County property tax is 1% of full assessed valuation. Sales Tax, 7.75% California State. No State or local tax on business inventory.

POLICE PROTECTION: Inyo County Sheriff and Bishop Police Department maintain professional well-trained forces.

FIRE PROTECTION: Seven volunteer fire departments plus California Division of Forestry.

MEDICAL FACILITIES:

NORTHERN INYO HOSPITAL-BISHOP. General and acute care. 32 beds, ICU, Emergency Room, staffed by 32 Physicians.

SOUTHERN INYO HOSPITAL-LONE PINE.

CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS, CARE FACILITIES, In Lone Pine and Bishop.

EDUCATION: Seven school districts in Inyo County serving 3,100 K-12 students. Lassen, La Verne and Cal-State Bakersfield offer classes at Cerro Coso Community College. Remote private college at Deep Springs.

CULTURE: Inyo County Council of the Arts, Inyo County Public Library, numerous community centers, parks and churches. Eastern Sierra Museum in Independence, Laws Railroad Museum (Bishop), Visitor Center & Borax Museum in Death Valley. Community concerts, arts festivals and community theater groups, plus many other activities too numerous to list.

SHOPPING: Major retailers in Bishop: J.C. Penny, K-Mart, Rite-Aid, Sears and Vons. There are many independent merchants throughout Inyo County who offer a full variety of goods and services.

For more information contact the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau at 690 N. Main St., Bishop, CA 93514. (760) 873-8405, FAX (760) 873-6999

www.BishopVisitor.com or info@bishopvisitor.com

CONTACT LIST

Road Conditions

Caltrans: 800-427-7623 (Call to find out if roads are open, Punch in Hwy #)
Outside California: 916-445-7623
Internet Access: www.Dot.Ca.Gov
Reno Area: 702-793-1313
Hwy Patrol: 760-873-3531

Weather

Mon – Fri Only: 760-873-3213
Locally, Refer To Channel 8

Emergency 911

Bishop Police Department: 760-873-5866
Bishop Fire Department: 760-873-5485
Bishop City Hall: 760-873-5863
Inyo County Sheriff's Department: 760-873-7887
Northern Inyo Hospital: 760-873-5811
County Of Inyo: 760-873-8481
AAA Emergency Roadside Assistance: 800-400-4222

Local Media

The Inyo Register: 760-873-3535
Sierra Reader: 760-938-3458
SuddenLink Cable TV, Channel 12: 760-873-4123
KIBS/KBOV 100.7: 760-873-6324
KSRW 92.5: 760-873-5329

Services

Us Forest Service: 760-873-2400
Inyo National Forest: 760-873-2500
Bureau Of Land Management: 760-873-4881
Us Post Office: 760-873-3526
Department Of Fish And Game: 760-872-1171
Department Of Motor Vehicles: 760-872-4651
Automobile Club Of California: 760-872-8241
Bishop Library: 760-872-8091
Dial-A-Ride: 760-872-1901
Tri-County Fairgrounds: 760-873-3588
Bishop Airport: 760-872-2971
Hot Showers: Bishop Fitness Center: 760-872-1059
Bishop Creek Lodge: 760-873-4484
Bishop City Park Pool: 760-872-7201
Wash Tub: 760-873-6627
Laundry Facilities: Wash Tub: 760-873-6627

Sierra Suds: 760-873-8338
Department of Water and Power: 760-872-1104 (For River Flow Levels)
Hot Springs: Keough's Hot Springs: 760-872-4670
Trailhead Shuttle Service: Kountry Korner: 877-656-0756
Car Rentals: U-Save Auto Rental: 800-207-2681
Eastern Sierra Motors: 760-873-4291
White Mountain Ranger Station: 760-873-2514

Sporting Good Stores

Refer To The Following For: Gear Rental Information, Fishing License, Bait, Tackle, Skis Etc.
Barrett's Outfitters: 760-872-3830
Mac's Sporting Goods: 760-872-9201
Brock's Fly fishing Specialists: 760-872-3581
Culver's Sporting Goods Store: 760-872-8361
Wilson's Eastside Sports: 760-873-7520
Allen's Outdoor Products: 760-873-5903

Lodging Guide

Accommodations & Vacation Rentals Mammoth Lakes

Home Away

www.homeaway.com/Mammoth-Lakes/s/7824/fa/find.squery

See website for details. A huge selection of vacation homes & condos for rent throughout the Mammoth Lakes area on one website.

America's Best Value Inn

(formally the Starlite Motel)

192 Short Street

760/873-4912

877/873-4912

\$49 & up.

King & Queen Beds, Family Suite w/Kitchenette, Pool, All rooms w/Fridge, Microwave & Coffee makers. Guest Laundry, fish cleaning/freezing. BBQ facilities, Bus/Truck parking and Airport Shuttle.

Best Western Bishop

Holiday Spa Lodge

1025 N. Main Street

800/528-1234

760/873-3543

\$69-\$159

Pool, spa, groups, microwaves, coffee, refrigerators, ironing boards, newly renovated, fish freezing.

Best Western Creek Side Inn

725 N. Main Street

www.bishopcaliforniahotel.com

760/872-3044

800/273-3550

Please call for current rates. Outdoor Heated Pool & Spa, Kitchens, free Wi-Fi, senior discounts, group rates, AAA, fish freezing.

Bishop Days Inn

724 West Line Street

760/872-1095

\$69-\$89

Spa, suites, in-room coffee, refrigerators, microwaves, AAA, fish freezing.

Bishop Rodeway Inn

150 E. Elm Street

800/356-3221

760/873-3564

\$63-\$119

Pool, senior discount, conference room, seasonal rates, groups, free HBO, in-room coffee, fax facilities, AAA rates, fish freezing

Bishop Village Motel

286 W. Elm Street

www.bishopvillagemotel.com

reservations@bishopvillagemotel.com

888/668-5546

760/872-8155

\$49-\$89

Heated pool, refrigerators in all rooms, in-room coffee, BBQ area, kitchens, fax facility and microwave ovens in all rooms, 2 bedroom suites, fish freezing.

Bishop Townhouse

625 N. Main Street

888/399-1651

760/872-4541

\$40-\$75

Pool, free coffee, BBQ area, fish cleaning.

Chalfant House Bed & Breakfast

213 Academy Street

760/872-1790

\$80-\$105

Private baths, suite with fireplace, gourmet breakfast, evening refreshments, AAA, fish freezing.

Comfort Inn

805 N. Main Street

800/576-4080

760/873-4284 \$85-\$150 excludes special events.

Pool, spa, BBQ, senior discounts, microwaves, refrigerator, in-room coffee, laundry, AAA, fish freezing.

Elms Motel

233 E. Elm Street

bishopelmsmotel@verizon.net

www.bishopelmsmotel.com

800/848-9226

760/873-8118 \$38.50-\$55 add \$5-\$10 Summer

Off-highway, BBQ area, in-room coffee, fish freezing, Bishop City Park access.

El Rancho Motel

274 Lagoon Street

760/872-9251

\$38-\$70

3 kitchen units, in-room coffee, smoking and non-smoking rooms, AAA, boat/truck parking, senior discount, some refrigerators, fish freezing.

Gold Country Mammoth Lakes Vacation Rentals Trip Homes

Trip Homes is another great website featuring condos & vacation rentals in Mammoth Lakes.

www.triphomes.com/USA/California/Mammoth+Lakes-vacation-rentals-7798s.html

Holiday Inn Express

636 N. Main Street

877/395-2395

760/872-2423

\$79-\$179

Refrigerators, microwaves, data ports, voicemail, HBO, hair dryers, in-room coffee, sauna, fitness room/spa, indoor heated pool, AAA/AARP, fish freezing.

Joseph House Inn Bed & Breakfast

376 West Yaney Street

Bishop , CA 93514

www.josephhouseinn.com

myriam@josephhouseinn.inn

January-March, great mid-week specials available, please call for rates

760/872-3389

760/937-2103

Call for Rates.

All rooms are comfortable, elegant and feature either queen or king size beds, private baths, and television / VCR. Three have direct access to garden. Full gourmet breakfast and wine & cheese in the afternoon. Massages available by appointment. The garden is also available for hire.

Please call to inquire about Golf Packages. Owner also speaks Spanish, French & German. AAA

Lakeview Motel

2296 N. Sierra Highway

760/873-4019

\$38-\$71

Cable TV, kitchens, family units, off-season weekly and monthly rates.

Mammoth Reservation Bureau

P.O. Box 1608

Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

www.mammothreservationbureau.com

760/934-2528 or toll free at

800-462-5571

See website for details Hosting High Sierra visitors for 30 years, Mammoth Reservation Bureau offers a professional rental service that specializes in resort accommodations for the Mammoth Lakes area.

Motel 6

1005 N. Main Street

760/873-8426 Call for Rates Pool, spa, senior discounts, laundry, refrigerators, some kitchens, fish freezing.

Mountain View Motel

730 W. Line Street

www.thesierraweb.com/lodging/mountainview

760/873-4242

\$59-\$99

Pool, garden setting, kitchens, suites, patio with BBQ, senior and seasonal rates, AAA, 3 Diamond, refrigerators, boat/truck parking, fish freezing.

Old House at Benton Hot Springs

Route 4, Box 59

Benton, CA 93512 (40 miles north of Bishop)

760/933-2507 or toll free at

866-466-2824

Bed & Breakfast with private hot springs.

Hot springs available by the hour. Call for rates.

Ramada Limited

155 E. Elm Street

760/872-1771

\$45-\$139 certain days excluded

Refrigerators, microwaves, in-room coffee, HBO, data ports, pool/spa, breakfast bar, ironing boards, hair dryers, fish freezing, BBQ facilities, and horseshoe pit. Gold key property.

Sunrise Motel

262 W. Grove

760/873-3656

\$28 \$39

Weekly rates, kitchens, in-room coffee, bus/truck parking.

Super 8

535 S. Main Street

760/872-1386

800/776-9710

\$58-\$120

Seasonal pool, in-room coffee, free HBO/Disney, no pet hotel, fresh & clean 43 units, guest laundry, discounts for VIP, AAA, AARP, Sr. Government & Military, fish freezing.

Thunderbird Motel

190 W. Pine Street

760/873-4215

\$40-\$90

Senior/group rates, king size bed, refrigerators, microwaves AAA.

Trees Motel

796 W. Line Street

www.395.com/trees

760/873-6391

\$50-\$72 includes tax TV, phones, coffee bar, kitchens, refrigerators, patio with BBQ, ping pong, seasonal rates, fish freezing.

Vagabond Inn

1030 N. Main Street

www.vagabondinn-bishop-CA-hotel.com

800/522-1555

760/873-6351

\$59-\$130 certain days excluded

Hot tub, pool, senior discounts, sauna, laundry, BBQ area, refrigerators, microwaves, family unit, horseshoe pits, fish freezing.

Restaurant Guide

Please refer to *The Bishop Vacation Planner* for a current listing of restaurants, or check out:

www.BishopVisitor.com

Event Information

Please refer to *The Bishop Vacation Planner*, or check out:

www.BishopVisitor.com

Campgrounds

Please refer to *The Bishop Vacation Planner*, or check out:

www.BishopVisitor.com

RV Parks

Brown's Town: 760-873-8522

Creekside Rv: 760-873-4483

J Diamond Trailer and RV Park: 760-872-7341

Keough's Mobile Home and RV Park: 760-872-1644

Millpond Recreational Facility: 760-873-8522

Mountain View Mobile Home and RV Park: 760-873-4686

Shady Rest Trailer and RV Park: 760-873-3430

Highland RV Park: 760-873-7616

Paradise and RV Park: 760-387-2370

Fishing Hot Spots:

Please refer to The Treasure Map and Treasure Map Index provided in this Press Kit, and The Wild Brown Trout Informational Sheet Provided

Backcountry Contacts & Guides

Sierra Mountain Center: 760-873-8526

Sierra Mountaineering International: 760-872-4929

Fishing Guides

Sierra Drifters Guide Service: 760-935-4250
Barret's Outfitters: 760-872-3830
Brocks Flyfishing Specialists: 760-872-3581
Fred Rowe: 760-873-3948
Tim Alpers/ Alpers Trout Hatchery: 760-647-6652 – Raises Alpers Trophy Trout, Not a Guide,
but Stocks the Local Area
Adopt-A-Creek: 760-873-8650 – Not A Guide, but Stocks the Local Area
Bishop Creek Lodge / South Lake Boat Landing: 760-873-4484
Lake Sabrina Boat Landing: 760-873-7425
Beryl Rea: Trout Scout Headquarters: 760-872-9836

Fishing Location Phone Numbers

Bishop Creek Lodge: 760-873-4484
South Lake Boat Landing: 760-873-4484
Parcher's Resort: 760-873-4177
Cardinal Village Resort: 760-873-4789
Kings Rock Creek Lakes Resort: 760-935-4311
Lake Sabrina Boat Landing: 760-873-7425
Paradise Lodge: 760-387-2370
Rock Creek Lodge: 760-935-4170
Crowley Lake Fish Camp: 760-935-4301
Convict Lake: 760-934-3800 / 800-992-2260

Computer Services

Schat.Net: 760-873-4377

10 GREAT REASONS TO VISIT BISHOP

- 1. LAWS RAILROAD MUSEUM.** P.O. Box 363, Bishop, CA 93515 (760) 873-5950 www.thesierraweb.com, www.visitbishop.com. This museum, located 6 miles north of Bishop on Hwy 6, includes 11 acres and 28 buildings of indoor and outdoor exhibits. Relive early Bishop history, and venture back to the mid to late 1800's. Open 10:00 am to 4:00pm all year, no admission but donations appreciated. California Historical Landmark No. 953, operated by the Bishop Museum and Historical Society.
- 2. PAIUTE PALACE CASINO.** 2742 N. Sierra Hwy., Bishop, CA 93514 888-3PAIUTE www.paiute.com. Established in 1995, this casino is the entertainment fun spot on Hwy #395. Machines, arcade, restaurant, palace "21", poker and bingo! Proudly owned by the Bishop Paiute Shoshone Tribe.
- 3. ROCK CLIMBING AND BOULDERING.** Come experience climbing the way it was meant to be. Bishop is lucky enough to have world class climbing areas, including the Buttermilk and Happy Boulders. The Owens River Gorge north of town is an internationally known sport climbing area. The Sierra Crest offers alpine climbing of all difficulties. For more information, contact Wilson's Eastside Sports (760) 873-7520, 224 N. Main St., Bishop, CA 93514.
- 4. SPECIAL EVENTS.** Bishop's major special events include, Mule Days Celebration, Blake Jones Trout Derby, Official Trout Season Opener, Millpond Traditional Music Festival, Fall Colors Cruise and Car Show, Rock Climbing Events, Labor Day Tri-County Fair, and the Bishop High Sierra Ultra Marathon.
- 5. BISHOP CREEK CANYON & ROCK CREEK AREA.** Just a short drive west of Bishop along Hwy. 168 takes you Bishop Creek Canyon: an alpine wonderland of pine forests, rushing streams and deep-blue lakes surrounded by mighty mountain peaks. A short drive north of Bishop on Hwy #395 brings you to the stunning Rock Creek Area. Lodging, camping, fishing, boat rentals, hiking and backpacking are just some of the activities you can experience in both of these magnificent places.
- 6. FISHING.** Fish our incredible waters: Owens River, Pleasant Valley Reservoir, Bishop Creek, Lake Sabrina, South Lake, North Lake and Intake II. A variety of fish stocking programs sponsored by The Department of Fish and Game, Adopt-A-Creek and the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau are implemented in the Bishop Area waters.
- 7. HISTORICAL BUILDING WALKING TOUR.** Take a walking tour of the historical buildings in downtown Bishop. Map includes 17 descriptions and buildings dating back to

the 1800's. While on the tour, observe our eight painted murals found on selected buildings around town. For more information, call the Bishop Mural Society 760-873-3600.

- 8. ADVENTURES IN THE BACKCOUNTRY.** Bishop offers outstanding backcountry opportunities: easy access to hiking and backpacking trails from Bishop area Trailheads. Local mountaineering guides available both in winter and summer seasons. Contact Sierra Mountain Center (760) 873-8526, 174 W. Line St., Bishop, CA 93514, Sierra Mountaineering International (760) 872-4249 or the Inyo National Forest (760) 873-2500, 873 N. Main St., Bishop, CA 93514.

- 9. SUMMER SUNSETS AND FALL COLORS.** Enjoy breathtaking photographic opportunities in and around the Bishop area. From hot pink valley skies that shimmer against the local mountain peaks to yellow aspen trees that show delicate leaves in the mountain landscape. The Bishop area is a photographers dream!

- 10. HORSE PACKING.** Travel to the backcountry by horseback. Swing into the saddle for an hour, a day or a week. Let the horses do the walking while you take in the beauty of the Sierra. Be a cowboy for the day! Contact 888-395-3952 for a list of the Eastern Sierra Pack Outfits.

TREASURE MAP SUPPLEMENT

**Please use this index as a guide of our excellent fishing areas located in the Bishop Area.
The Treasure Map demonstrates road access to the rivers and lakes.**

From North to South:

- 1. Crowley Lake:** Crowley Lake is open during the regular fishing season: the last Saturday in April until the last day in October. The fish found here are big mixtures of everything: Perch, Browns, and all types of Rainbows etc. Check with Department of Fish and Game for regulations, as mid summer it is catch and release only.
- 2. Rock Creek Lake:** In the summer, this is a beautiful place to stay and fish. Again this area is only open during the regular Eastern Sierra fishing season, and has plenty of Rainbows. You can stay at the Rock Creek Lakes Resort or the Rock Creek Lodge. This is the center of activity in the summer for fishermen, offering a well-supplied general store, cabin, boat rentals and home-cooked meals. Flowing east from Rock Creek Lake, upper Rock Creek offers close to 9 miles of stream and fishing opportunity mainly for stocked Rainbow Trout. Below the lake, there are incredible stream and lake fishing 'backcountry' opportunities. Be sure not to miss this!
- 3. Owens River Gorge:** If you have a sense of adventure, this is a glorious place to fish. Solitude and rugged scenery. *Purely magical.* Access to here by the Gorge road at the base of the Sherwin Grade, 13 miles north of Bishop. There is quite the hike down to the gorge, but well worth it. You can find Browns here along with Rainbows. This area is open year-round for fishing. It doesn't get much sun in the winter, so dress warmly!
- 4. Lower Rock Creek:** This is a wonderful place to stay and fish with the family. Paradise Lodge is situated here with cabins available, and a wonderful steak restaurant. This is where you will find challenging Rainbow Trout, Browns and Brookies. This area is open during regular the fishing season.
- 5. Pleasant Valley Reservoir:** Located off of Hwy #395 on Pleasant Valley Reservoir Road, this area is open for shore and float tubing *year-round*. It has very easy access, and is the location of Bishop's successful Annual Blake Jones Trout Derby. This Reservoir is stocked regularly year-round with both Rainbows and Browns and catching your limit here is easy to do. Mostly Rainbow, but you may find some Browns. Open year-round for all types of fishing. The Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau regularly stocks the reservoir during the off-season (November – April).
- 6. Wild Brown Trout Area:** Located along Chalk Bluff road, this area is very well marked by the Department of Fish and Game and had special restrictions. This area is protected by the DFG, and is one of the most brilliant areas along the Owens. If your definition of trophy encompasses wild Trout, especially wild Brown Trout, this section is the place to go. Refer to your Wild Brown Trout Area Regulation sheet provided in the Press Kit.

Lower Owens River -In this area, the normal limit and tackle rules apply year round.

- 7. Five Bridges:** This is a local's favorite! Access is very easy: you can park along side the road on the dirt area. Located along Hwy #6 about 3 miles from Hwy #395. This is a great area for both Browns and Rainbows. As a side note: the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and

Visitors Bureau regularly (once per week) stocks from this point on the Owens all the way down to Warm Springs Road.

8. Laws Railroad Museum Access: Another great easy access point. Well marked on the map, easy to find and park.

9. East Line Street Access: Same as above. One note worth mentioning, the dirt roads that run parallel to the river are well worth checking out; you can pick a spot and be all alone to enjoy the entire experience.

10. Warm Springs Road Access: Another local's favorite! Many people have good luck here. This spot has become one of the better know locations for catching your full limit. Very well marked and again, take advantage of the dirt roads along the river.

11. Collins Road Access: Same as above!

12. Buckley Ponds: This is the place for Bass! Try all the ponds and don't forget the canal, which is loaded with fish. Access: drive east on East Line Street, just past the cemetery take the first dirt road on your right.

Bishop Creek Canyon

Just a short drive west of Bishop along Hwy #168 takes you to an alpine wonderland of pine forests, aspen groves, rushing streams and deep blue lakes surrounded by mighty mountain peaks. The streams and Lakes of the Bishop Creek Drainage are open for fishing during the regular fishing season only. When the season does open, there are wonderful ice fishing opportunities in this area; be sure to get safety information regarding ice thickness. Bishop Creek, both the south and north forks offer exceptional stream fishing!

13. Intake 2: Short drive on the north fork of the Bishop Creek Road, a few miles before Lake Sabrina. Fishing is best at the dam, or the inlet to the reservoir. No boats are allowed here; fly fishing, tubing and bait fishing. Mostly Rainbow Trout found here. This area is equipped with handicapped access.

14. South Lake: At 10,000 feet, South Lake presents a breath-taking scene and is also loaded with Trout. In fact, large German Browns Trout and the elusive Eagle Lake Rainbows are stocked here, along with all other DFG stocking. Campgrounds, boat rentals, food services and lodging accommodations are available. Contact the South Lake Boat Landing for more information.

15. Treasure Lakes: This is the time for a glorious backcountry fishing trip. The Treasure Lakes is regularly stocked with Golden Trout (the California State Fish) by the Department of Fish and Game.

16. Lake Sabrina: Take the north Fork of the Bishop Creek Road, and experience magnificent fishing and photo opportunities, food services and accommodations. This is particularly beautiful in the fall with the aspen-lined sloped ablaze with gold, orange and red hues. Here you will find primarily Rainbow Trout. For more information, call the Lake Sabrina Boat Landing.

17. North Lake: This is the smallest of the three lakes in Bishop Creek Canyon, also the highest to which you can drive. There are no boats allowed here, only bait fishing, fly-fishing and float tubers.

MOTOR TOURING IN THE EASTERN SIERRA INCLUDING DEATH VALLEY

“The Road Not Taken”*

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference...

Robert Frost, the colorful Vermont sage and poet wrote this much beloved poem over 80 years ago. In a refreshing takeoff, the creative folks of Inyo County have developed an SUV Guide that gets you off the highway and “into the landscape,” on the back roads of the area.

Titled, “**Motor Touring in the Eastern Sierra including Death Valley,**” the guide highlights 18 routes that you can tour in your SUV. On each of the routes the history and natural history of the area comes alive through colorful narratives of what you will experience. It allows you as a visitor to leave the main highway and discover the back roads of Inyo County.

Did you know, that if you take these routes you can;

- Visit the lowest place and see the highest place in the continental U.S.;
- Take the northwest passage into Death Valley;
- See the oldest living trees on earth;
- Visit Cerro Gordo the ghost town responsible for changing Los Angeles; and
- See the castle that Scotty built with someone else’s money!!

Information provided for each of the routes includes: What to expect; Length; Driving Time; Getting there; and along the route. The visitor can choose the routes that appeal to them, depending on what part of Inyo County they are visiting.

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