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BISHOP AREA VISITOR GUIDE

Eastern Sierra Lodging, Dining and Activities

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Bishop City Lights Photo by Madi Taylor

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Small Town with a BIG Backyard

Bishop's Visitor Center Photo courtesy The Inyo Register

The Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau welcomes you to the clear blue skies and magnificent peaks of the two highest mountain ranges in the contiguous United States.

From high desert to high country, the area and its outdoor opportunities await your exploration and enjoyment. On your own – or with friends and family – you'll find plenty to do and plenty to see in Bishop, California!

Welcome to the natural wonderland of the Eastern Sierra!

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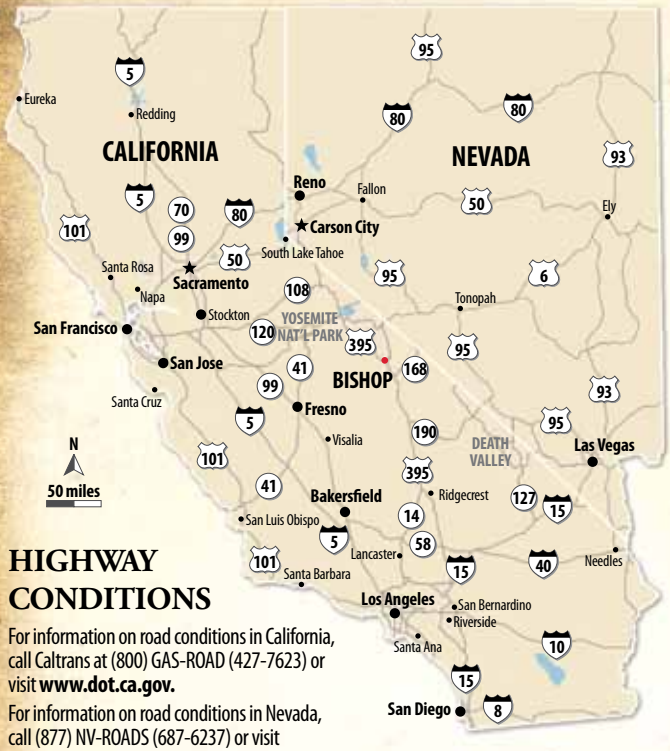


HIGHWAY CONDITIONS

For information on road conditions in California, call Caltrans at (800) GAS-ROAD (427-7623) or visit **www.dot.ca.gov.**

For information on road conditions in Nevada, call (877) NV-ROADS (687-6237) or visit **www.nevadadot.com.**

TRAVEL TO BISHOP

Bishop and the beautiful Owens Valley have been described as "California's Hidden Treasure." While it's true that treasure abounds here in the Eastern Sierra, Bishop is not quite as "hidden" as you might imagine. In fact, Bishop is located in the very middle of California, where Highways 6 and 395 intersect.

Whether you are traveling from Southern California or Northern California, or from a major city in Nevada, you'll drive about 4 to 5 hours to reach Bishop. From any direction, the roads are well-maintained and the views are spectacular. Getting here is part of your vacation and we hope you enjoy your journey!

TRAVEL DISTANCES FROM BISHOP

DESTINATION	MILES
Bakersfield	217
Benton	33
Big Pine	15
Bishop Creek Canyon	15
Bodie	89
Carson City	160
Death Valley	165
Fresno via Bakersfield	334
Fresno via Tioga Pass	236
Hawthorne, Nev.	123
Independence	42
June Lake Loop	57
Las Vegas	259
Lee Vining	62

DESTINATION	MILES
Lone Pine	57
Los Angeles	270
Mammoth Lakes	43
Reno	202
Sacramento via Tioga Pass	278
San Diego	355
San Francisco via Tioga Pass	332
San Francisco via Hwy. 50	395
Santa Barbara	314
Walker	121
Yosemite via Tioga Pass	140
Yosemite via Sonora Pass	261
Yosemite via Monitor Pass	345
Yosemite via Lake Tahoe	396

FROM LOS ANGELES

Take Interstate 15 or Highway 14 north to U.S. Hwy 395. Keep driving north through the beautiful high desert up the Owens Valley. Enjoy the spectacular mountain views and consider visiting the Lone Pine Museum of Western Film History, Manzanar Historic Site, Eastern California Museum and Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery along the way.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO

In the summer, treat yourself to a drive eastbound through the magnificent Yosemite National Park to connect with U.S. Hwy. 395, then drive south about 60 minutes. During winter months, Tioga Pass (Hwy. 120) closes due to heavy snow, but Bishop is still accessible via Hwy. 50 or I-80, connecting with U.S. Hwy. 395 in the Carson City and Reno, Nevada area. Consider stopping at Mono Lake just north of Lee Vining at the eastern Yosemite entrance, or make a side-trip to Bodie State Historical Park.

FROM LAS VEGAS

Take Hwy. 95 north, then travel west through Death Valley National Park or over Westgard Pass (Hwy. 168) to connect with U.S. Hwy. 395, then north 15 minutes to Bishop. If you choose Hwy. 168 in the summer, be sure to stop and see the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest and the Visitor Center at Schulman Grove on the way.

BY BUS

Eastern Sierra Transit offers bus service from Lancaster to Reno, connecting every community in between. Reasonable one-way or round-trip fares available. For current schedules & reservations, call (800)922-1930 or visit **www.estransit.com.**

BY AIR

Alaska Airlines and United Airlines now offer service to Mammoth Yosemite Airport – just a 30-minute drive from Bishop. Private aircraft and charter companies access Bishop by flying in to The Eastern Sierra Regional Airport – just a few miles east of town. Shuttle service and rental cars are available at both airports.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Snow blankets the Eastern Sierra skyline west of Bishop. Gary Young Photography

VISITOR CENTERS, RANGER STATIONS & CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
690 N. Main St., Bishop, CA 93514 • (760) 873-8405
Email info@bishopvisitor.com • www.bishopvisitor.com

Located on Main Street at the entrance to Bishop City Park. Maps, brochures, souvenirs, postcards and books. Professional, friendly and knowledgeable staff provide information to help you make the most of your visit to the Eastern Sierra. Ample parking for buses and RVs. Open all year.

White Mountain Ranger Station
798 N. Main St., Bishop, CA 93514 • (760) 873-2500

Public lands information center for Inyo National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, wilderness permits, firewood cutting permits and National Park information for Sequoia, Yosemite and Death Valley National Parks. Open all year.

Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest Visitor Center – Schulman Grove
10 miles north of U.S. Highway 168 East on White Mountain Rd. • (760) 873-2500

Open in summer only.

Mammoth Lakes California Welcome Center
P.O. Box 48, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 • (760) 924-5500

Located on Hwy. 203 at the entrance to the Town of Mammoth Lakes, 3 miles west of Hwy. 395. Area information, wilderness permits and maps available. Open all year.

Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center
1 Visitor Center Dr., Lee Vining, CA 93541 • (760) 647-3044

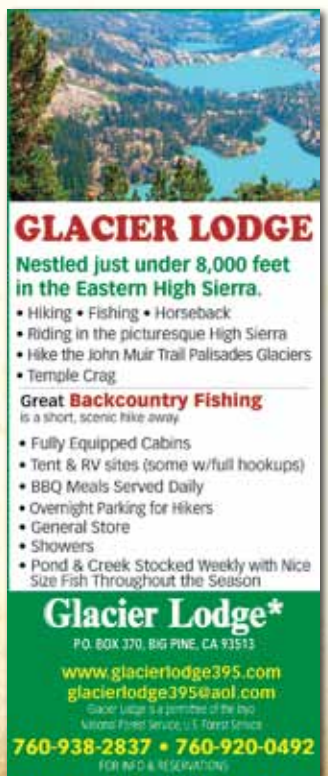
Located off U.S. Hwy. 395 and 1/4 mile north of town, the center has interactive displays that teach about many aspects of the Mono Basin's geology, ecology, and human history.

Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center
P.O. Drawer R, Lone Pine, CA 93545 • (760) 876-6222

Located one mile south of Lone Pine at junction of U.S. Highway 395 and State Route 136. Regional information and public land passes and permits available. Open all year.

Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 749, Lone Pine, CA 93545 • (760) 876-4444
Email info@lonepinechamber.org • www.lonepinechamber.org

Death Valley Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 15, Tecopa, CA 92389 • (760) 852-4420
Email deathvalleychamber@gmail.com • www.deathvalleychamber.org



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Get into it, on top of it, or above it – all year-round! Challenges for the adventurous at heart abound in the Bishop area. The Great Outdoors is our backyard. Fresh, clean air, an ideal temperate climate and sparkling blue skies form a fresh and healthy backdrop for all outdoor activities.

Rock climb, hang-glide, hot air balloon ride, wind surf, water-ski, four-wheel drive, snowshoe, cross-country ski – do it all right here in the Eastern Sierra!

Mountain Biking Photo by Tony Rowell

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Are you ready for a fantastic mountain bike adventure? Bring on your greatest challenge and we have the mountain to match it. From easy gentle slopes to challenging rocky routes, the Bishop area has a challenge and adventure for you. Bike the magnificent Buttermilks, canals around Bishop, or the exquisite natural beauty of the Volcanic Tableland – the choice is yours. Seek the adventure of a lifetime!

Road Biking Photo by Mike McDermott

ROAD BIKING

Wide open vistas, endless paved roads, and little to no traffic will whet your appetite to explore the long bike riding loops in the Bishop area. The numerous century and double century bike rides held in the area are a testimonial to the road riding opportunities that draw long haul riders here.

BIRDING

You are at the gateway to fantastic birding opportunities here in the heart of the Owens Valley. Within a few minutes of Bishop, you will find a wide host of habitats and splendid birding opportunities. Lake Sabrina, North Lake and South Lake all offer beautiful meadows, winding trails and scenic vistas. You will find a wide assortment of water birds, including the Hermit Thrush, Mountain Bluebird, House Wren, White-Tailed Ptarmigan and many more. Visit **www.easternsierrabirdingtrail.org** for an online map of excellent bird viewing in the region.

Hawk in Flight Over Bishop Photo by Lance Waggoner

HIKING

Year-round hiking opportunities abound in the Bishop area. In summer months, enjoy hiking and backpacking at higher elevations in nearby John Muir and Ansel Adams wildernesses. In fall, winter and spring, explore the White Mountains, Buttermilks, Volcanic Tableland and Alabama Hills. Get campfire and overnight wilderness permits at the White Mountain Visitor Center, 798 North Main Street, (760) 873-2500. Stop by the Bishop Chamber of Commerce to get hiking brochures that highlight easy and accessible hikes in the area.

WATER SPORTS

The Bishop region is considered "high desert;" however, there are plenty of places to get wet! Be sure to bring your water toys (or rent from local purveyors). The lakes in Bishop Creek Canyon and Rock Creek are popular in summer for boating and floating via tube, kayak or paddleboard. The Owens River near Bishop slowly winds its way from north to south, creating a scenic and serene experience for rafts, kayaks and drift boats.

MOTOR SPORTS

The Eastern Sierra offers thousands of miles of exciting off-highway vehicle routes. Bring your quads, side-by-sides, dirt bikes, Jeeps and 4WD trucks to explore the region. Travel into the magnificent White Mountains, visit the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, and be sure to see the amazing Volcanic Tableland and Coyote Flat areas. The views are spectacular and you may even be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of Big Horn Sheep, Mule Deer or Tule Elk.

Bishop makes the perfect year round home base for off-highway adventurers. Lodging, camping, restaurants, fuel, ATV service, sales and rentals are available. Visit the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center for OHV maps and the Motor Touring Guidebook.

Photo by Galen Rowell/Mountain Light Gallery

Back road through the Owens Valley, near Bishop, 2001

Jeeping

Young riders on the backroads of the Eastern Sierra

Photo by Madi Taylor

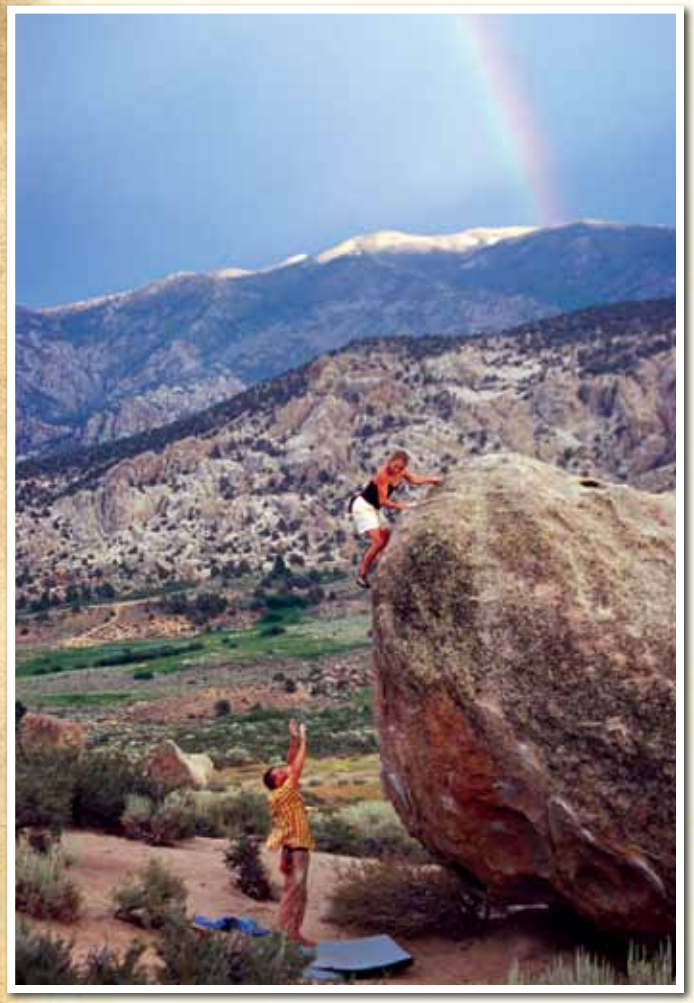
Motorcyclists on the backroads of Coyote Flat

BACKROAD TOURS IN THE EASTERN SIERRA

Discover the back roads, secret scenic locations and roads less-traveled of the Eastern Sierra by following one of many motor touring routes and remote dirt roads around the Bishop area. Many of the easier routes can be found in the award-winning publication, "Backroad Tours in the Eastern Sierra." You can pick up the book at the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce Visitors Bureau on Main Street at Bishop City Park.

MOUNTAINEERING & BACKCOUNTRY

Breathtaking mountain adventures await you in the magnificent and awe-inspiring Eastern Sierra. The Bishop area offers year-round rock climbing, mountaineering, backcountry skiing (Nordic/alpine touring), backpacking and mountain biking. This area is home to Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the lower United States and to many other 14,000-foot peaks with spectacular backcountry skiing and climbing opportunities.



Climbers at the Buttermilks Photo by Tony Rowell

ROCK CLIMBING

Bishop has become one of the premier climbing and bouldering areas in the world. The Buttermilk Boulders, just west of Bishop, the Happy and Sad Boulders on the Volcanic Tableland and the Owens River Gorge just north of town – to name a few – offer incredible climbing terrain for all ability levels.

Guide services and instruction are available for beginners and intermediate climbers. For more information on climbing areas near Bishop, **visit www.eastsidesports.com, www.sierramountaincenter.com or www.sierramtnguides.com.**

Night Climbing in the Buttermilks Photo by Madi Taylor

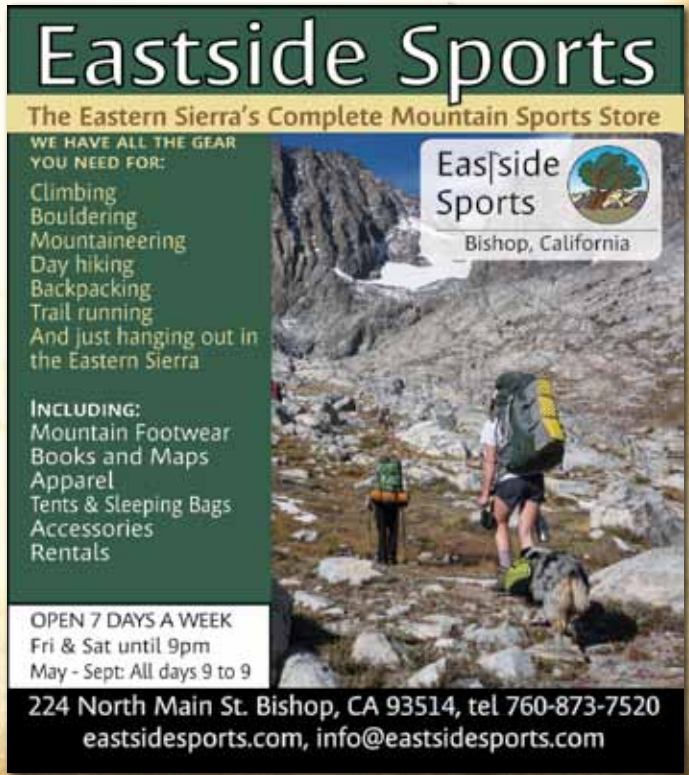


Photo by Galen Rowell/Mountain Light Gallery

Skiers at dawn on the Kern Plateau, John Muir Trail, California

WINTER ADVENTURES

Winter is a truly magical time of year here! Bishop seldom gets snow on the ground, but magnificent snow covered mountains provide amazing views and adventures only minutes away. Bishop is a great place to base your winter getaway. Bring the entire family to enjoy downhill & cross country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and sledding. Winter trout fishing is great at Pleasant Valley Reservoir and along the Lower Owens River. Winter hiking and biking is popular in the Buttermilks and Volcanic Tableland. Pick up your free copy of the Winter Adventure Map at the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau.

Winter conditions in Bishop and in the mountains beyond Gary Young Photography

ARTS & MUSIC

Fine art, antiques, unique shops and restaurants are located throughout the Bishop area. For a real treat, explore Downtown Bishop and experience shopping the way it used to be – with hometown hospitality and an atmosphere that harkens to a time gone by.

Arrest Photo by Mike McDermott

Since 1997, the Bishop Mural Society has worked to display our heritage in a spectacular outdoor gallery. More than fifteen colorful murals showcase the fascinating history of Inyo County on buildings throughout the city. Visitors are invited to savor our unique culture with a walking tour. Stop in to the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau for free maps of historic buildings and murals. Bishop has a vibrant arts and music scene – be sure to visit **www.bishopvisitor.com** to see current calendar of events.

ART & PHOTO GALLERIES

Be sure to visit these Chamber-member art galleries.

Art & Soul Gallery
125 S. Main St., Bishop • (760) 872-4225
Unique paintings, drawings, sculptures and more inside Calvary Chapel.

Coons Gallery
2399 N. Sierra Highway, Bishop • (760) 872-1584 • www.coonsgallery.com
One of California's oldest galleries and the oldest operating art gallery and studio in the Eastern Sierra.

Freeform Woodworking Studio
125 Whitney Alley, Bishop • (760) 387-2671 • www.freeformwoodworking.com
Gallery and working studio.

The Imagination Lab
621 W. Line St., Bishop • (760) 872-2446
Creative workshops and gallery.

Independent Project Press
186-A Willow St., Bishop • (760) 873-3600 • www.independentprojectpress.com
Distinctive and unique printed projects plus rotating featured artist exhibits.

Inyo Council for the Arts
137 S. Main St., Bishop • (760) 873-8014 • www.inyo.org
Ever-changing gallery exhibits feature paintings, photos, sculptures and jewelry by local artists. ICA Theater hosts concerts, film screenings and more.

Mountain Light Gallery
106 S. Main St., Bishop • (760) 873-7700 • www.mountainlight.com
World-class gallery features works of renowned wilderness photographer Galen Rowell, plus guest artists, workshops, books, calendars and gifts.

Steven White Woodworking
336 Hammond St., Bishop • (760) 872-3828 • stevenwhitewoodworking.com
Fine art furniture gallery and working studio.

ENTERTAINMENT & FUN

A wintery scene at the Bishop Country Club golf course

Gary Young Photography

ENTERTAINMENT

Arcade Inside Pizza Factory
970 N. Main St., Bishop • (760) 872-8888

The Back Alley Bowling
649 N. Main St., Bishop (Behind La Quinta Inn) • (760) 873-5777
11th lane café, open bowling, cosmic bowling, arcade games and fun for all!

Bishop Twin Theater
237 N. Main St., Bishop • (760) 873-3575

Paiute Palace Casino
2742 N. Sierra Highway, Bishop • (760) 873-4150 • www.paiutepalace.com
Enjoy round-the-clock gaming with 300+ slot machines, live poker and blackjack tables. Grab a bite at the Tu-Ka-Novie Restaurant. Conveniently located just three miles north of downtown Bishop on Hwy. 395.

LIVE MUSIC

Many Bishop eateries and taverns regularly feature live music: Mountain Rambler Brewery, Black Sheep Coffee Shop and Café, Thai Thai, Aaron Schat's Roadhouse, Whiskey Creek, Rusty's Saloon and McMurry's Sports Bar are popular with locals and visitors alike. Inyo Council for the Arts and Bishop Community Concerts Association regularly host concerts and the Bishop Community Band plays in the park on Monday evenings all summer. Two major music festivals happen each year in Bishop: Eastern Sierra Music Festival in July, www.wwmusicfest.org. Millpond Music Festival in September, www.inyo.org.

FORE!

For many people, no vacation is complete without at least one round of golf. Good news – there are several great courses in the area that offer challenging play with spectacular views! Be sure to pack your clubs and play in Bishop, Lone Pine, Death Valley or Mammoth Lakes.

Bishop Country Club
South of Bishop on Hwy. 395 • (760) 873-5828
www.bishopcountryclub.com

Furnace Creek Resort
(800) 236-7916 • www.furnacecreekresort.com

Mount Whitney Golf Course
(760) 876-5795

ENTERTAINMENT & FUN

Feeding Ducks in Bishop City Park

Photo by Gayla Wolf

My Little Wild One

Photo by Madi Taylor

PARKS

Located in the center of town, the Bishop City Park offers playgrounds, baseball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, volleyball, a skate and bike park, bocce ball court, and great picnic areas. The public swimming pool is open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Relax in shady areas along the stream or beautiful pond and enjoy the playful park ducks. Bishop City Park also features an arboretum. The Millpond Recreation Area, 6 miles northwest of Bishop features a pond for swimming (no motorized boats), softball fields, tennis courts, horseshoe pits and play equipment. Izaak Walton Park, 3 miles west of Bishop on Line Street, offers play equipment and a shady creek side picnic area.

PET-FRIENDLY!

Visitors with canine companions are welcome to visit the Bishop Dog Park, located in the rear of the downtown Bishop City Park. Fido or Fluffy will have a great time off-leash in the safely fenced and spacious area. Many hotels, cabins and campgrounds in the region are "pet-friendly" and many trails and paths welcome well-mannered dogs on leashes.

FISHING

Lake Sabrina

Gary Young Photography

HOOK, LINE AND SINKER

This is Trout Country! Anglers come from around the world in search of Rainbows, Browns, Goldens and Brookies. Cold, clear creeks dancing down mountain canyons and gem-like alpine lakes offer spectacular fishing and amazing views. Cast a fly or lure, or bait a hook and get ready for some of the finest fishing in the West.

Bishop makes the perfect "home base" for your Eastern Sierra fishing excursion. Pleasant Valley Reservoir and the Lower Owens River are open and stocked year-round and access is literally minutes from downtown. In the summer months, the lakes and streams of Bishop Creek Canyon offer world-class trout fishing just 30 minutes away. Lodging, dining and camping options are abundant. Most waters are stocked by California Department of Fish and Wildlife, County of Inyo and private stocking programs.

Hook up with us for several fun fishing events, including Blake Jones Trout Derby (mid-March) and free fishing days (no license required July 2 and September 3).

WHERE TO GO

Just a short drive west of Bishop along Hwy. 168 takes you to an alpine wonderland known as Bishop Creek Canyon, which highlights pine forests, rushing streams and deep blue lakes surrounded by mighty mountain peaks.

SOUTH LAKE

At 9,768 feet, South Lake presents breathtaking scenery and is loaded with trout. The road to the lake meanders along beautiful Bishop Creek, lined with pine, aspen and willow trees. Campgrounds, boat rentals, food services and lodging accommodations are available.

South Lake is also popular with hikers, backpackers and horsepackers, with the trailhead for Bishop Pass leading to hundreds of high-mountain alpine lakes in the John Muir Wilderness Area.

LAKE SABRINA

Pronounced SUH-BRINE-UH, the north fork of the Bishop Creek road leads to an amazing alpine atmosphere. A stunning setting with magnificent fishing and photo opportunities. The north fork of Bishop Creek Canyon is particularly beautiful in fall, with its aspen-lined slopes ablaze with gold, orange and crimson hues of autumn. Services available include lodging, dining, camping, horseback riding and boat rentals.

NORTH LAKE

Although North Lake is the smallest of the three lakes in Bishop Creek Canyon, it's also the most exciting to reach, boasting a unique backcountry setting and great trout fishing.

North Lake Photo by Dennis Jahn

INTAKE II

Just a short drive on the north fork of the Bishop Creek road and a few miles before Lake Sabrina is this glorious alpine fishing site. This is a man-made lake – small and quaint – yet some of the fish are true rod-benders. Open during the regular fishing season with handicapped access, this location is a welcome stop on your way up to Lake Sabrina.

OWENS RIVER

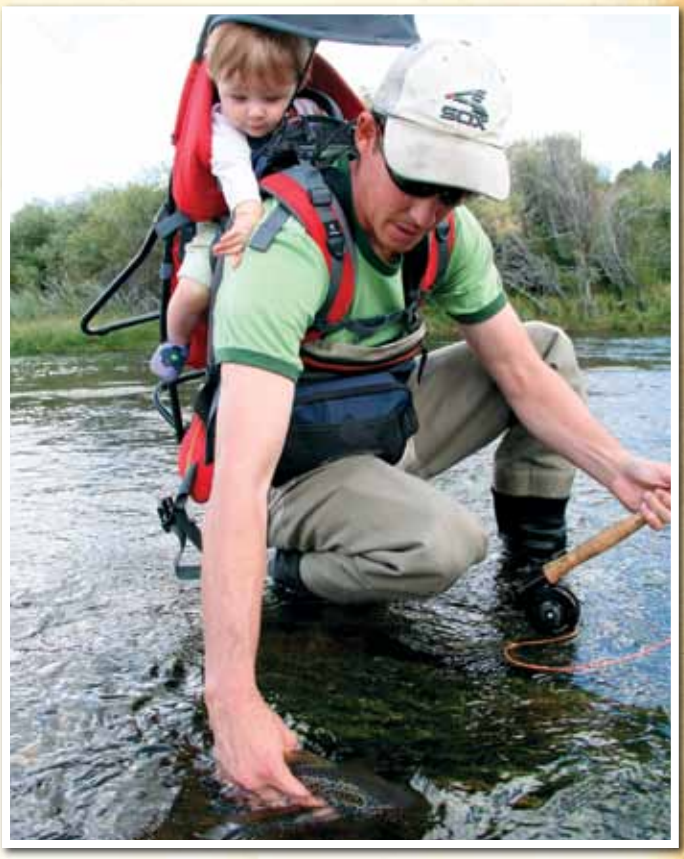
Year-round fishing! Trout anglers in the Eastern Sierra don't hang up their rods after November 15th. The Owens River and Pleasant Valley Reservoir are among the few fishing areas that stay open throughout the winter months. Not only are they open, but there are tons of spots where the fishing can be sensational. The Owens River and Pleasant Valley Reservoir are stocked year-round thanks to California Department of Fish and Wildlife, County of Inyo and private stocking programs.

PLEASANT VALLEY RESERVOIR

Year-round fishing! This beautiful scenic spot is located north of Bishop off Hwy. 395 on Pleasant Valley Reservoir Road. Just a short walk from the campground to the reservoir and you are in year-round float tubers heaven. Other forms of watercraft, such as boats, are prohibited here. This is a great location for camping in the nearby county park. Be sure to pick up your free camping map at the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau located at the city park off Hwy. 395 in Bishop.

OWENS RIVER WILD TROUT AREA

Year-round fishing! If your definition of trophy encompasses wild trout, especially wild brown trout, this section of the Owens River from Pleasant Valley Reservoir to Five Bridges Road is the place to go. One of the most brilliant spots along the Owens River, with the views of the Sierra Mountain Range contrasting with the open golden fields of Bishop. Some restrictions apply to this area. Consult a local sporting goods store or fishing guides for details.



OWENS RIVER GORGE

Year-round fishing! Solitude and rugged scenery. Purely magical. Access by the Gorge road at the base of Sherwin Grade 13 miles north of Bishop with a strenuous hike in and out. The towering pines are replaced by near-perpendicular rock bluffs with the river meandering through fields of house-sized boulders. Because of the terrain, fishing pressure is definitely on the light side and other anglers are seldom encountered.

ROCK CREEK CANYON

A short and very scenic 30 minute drive from Bishop will take you to this very special place. Travel north on Hwy. 395, exit at Tom's Place then follow Rock Creek Road into the canyon. Rock Creek Canyon has been a family fishing destination for generations. If you would like a relaxing day at the lake or a walk along the meandering creek, you will be rewarded with ample opportunities to test your fishing skills. More adventurous anglers may enjoy hiking to the high country lakes for the beautiful golden trout. Rainbows are stocked along the creek weekly throughout the fishing season. Services available include lodging, dining, camping, boat rentals and horseback riding.

BUCKLEY PONDS

The Buckley Ponds are a string of small ponds/lakes parallel to a stretch of Owens River east of Bishop between Line Street and Warm Springs Road. The ponds were restored by volunteers who cleared tules and built platforms to facilitate access for all users. This is a great spot for float tubing, kayaking and shore fishing This warm water fishery is open year-round and has catfish, blue gill and fresh water bass.

TRAIL RIDES • PACK TRIPS
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The Original Owens Valley Horse Drive
Complete Outfitters For Pack Trips

THE REAL THING

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MT. WHITNEY PACK TRAINS
Craig London • Box 248 • Bishop, CA 93515
(760) 872-8331
www.rockcreekpackstation.com

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
Rock Creek Pack Station & Mt. Whitney Pack Trains operate under permit to the Inyo and Sierra National Forests, Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park, Yosemite National Park, Devils Postpile National Monument and BLM.

BISHOP PACK OUTFITTERS

Custom Pack Trips & Hiking Treks into:
• Humphreys & Sabrina Basin (Over 50 lakes to choose from)
• John Muir Wilderness
• Kings Canyon & Evolution Valley Loop

Backpacker Trips, Golden Trout Fishing, Photography, One-Way and Two-Way Spot Trips, Camping and More!

North Lake Ride
2-hour, 4-hour & All-Day Rides

Your Backcountry Transportation Service
247 Cataract Rd.
Aspendell, CA 93514
Phone: (760) 873-4785
Fax: (760) 873-6600

Permitted by Inyo & Sierra National Forests and Sequoia & Kings National Parks

Visit us online at www.bishoppackoutfitters.net

Herding Cattle in the White Mountains Photo by Madi Taylor

HORSEBACK RIDING & PACK TRIPS

Discover the Eastern Sierra the way our ancestors did – swing into the saddle for an hour, a day or a week! Many professional pack outfits offer trips into the deep canyons that stretch the lengths of the Eastern Sierra. Gentle, mountain-savvy horses and mules can make your exploration very enjoyable. Let the horses do the walking while you take in the beauty of dense pine forests, open meadows, rushing creeks and alpine lakes. Pack stations offer picnic and scenic rides as well as extended trips into the wilderness. The professional pack stations listed in this guide are all members of the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau that can design a trip just for you, your friends and your family.

Packer Photo by Don Roberts

HORSEBACK RIDING & PACK TRIPS

Photo by Madi Taylor

PACK STATIONS

Bishop Pack Outfitters
247 Cataract Rd., Aspendell, CA • (760) 873-4785 • www.bishoppackoutfitters.net
Service areas: Humphreys Basin, Sabrina Basin, John Muir Trail, Horton Lakes, Lamarck Lakes

Cottonwood Pack Station
910 Gibson Ranch Rd., Independence, CA • (760) 878-2015
Service areas: Horseshow Meadows, Cottonwood Lakes, Inyo National Forest, Sequoia and Kings National Park, Golden Trout Wilderness

Frontier Pack Train
1012 E. Line St., Bishop • (888) 437-MULE • www.frontierpacktrain.com
Service areas: Ansel Adams Wilderness, John Muir Trail, Thousand Island Lake, Yosemite

Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit
Lake Mary Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA • (888) 475-8747 • www.mammothpack.com
Service areas: John Muir Trail, Purple Lake, Ram Meadow, Virginia Lake, Fish Creek Drainage

McGee Creek Pack Station
2990 McGee Creek Rd., Crowley Lake, CA • (800) 854-7407
Service areas: McGee Canyon, Hilton Lakes, Baldwin Canyon, Upper Fish Creek, Convict Basin

Rainbow Pack Outfitters
5845 South Lake Rd., Bishop • (760) 873-8877 • www.rainbowpackoutfit.com
Service areas: Bishop Basin, Dusy Basin, John Muir and Pacific Crest Trails, Sequoia Kings Canyon National Park, Inyo National Forest

Red's Meadow & Agnew Meadows Pack Trains
P.O. Box 395, Mammoth Lakes, CA • (760) 934-2345 • www.redsmeadow.com
Service areas: Ansel Adams Wilderness, Thousand Island Lake, Agnew Meadows, Yosemite, Fish Creek, John Muir Wilderness, Middle Fork San Joaquin River

Rock Creek Pack Station
P.O. Box 248, Bishop • (760) 872-8331 • www.rockcreekpackstation.com
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HORSEBACK RIDING

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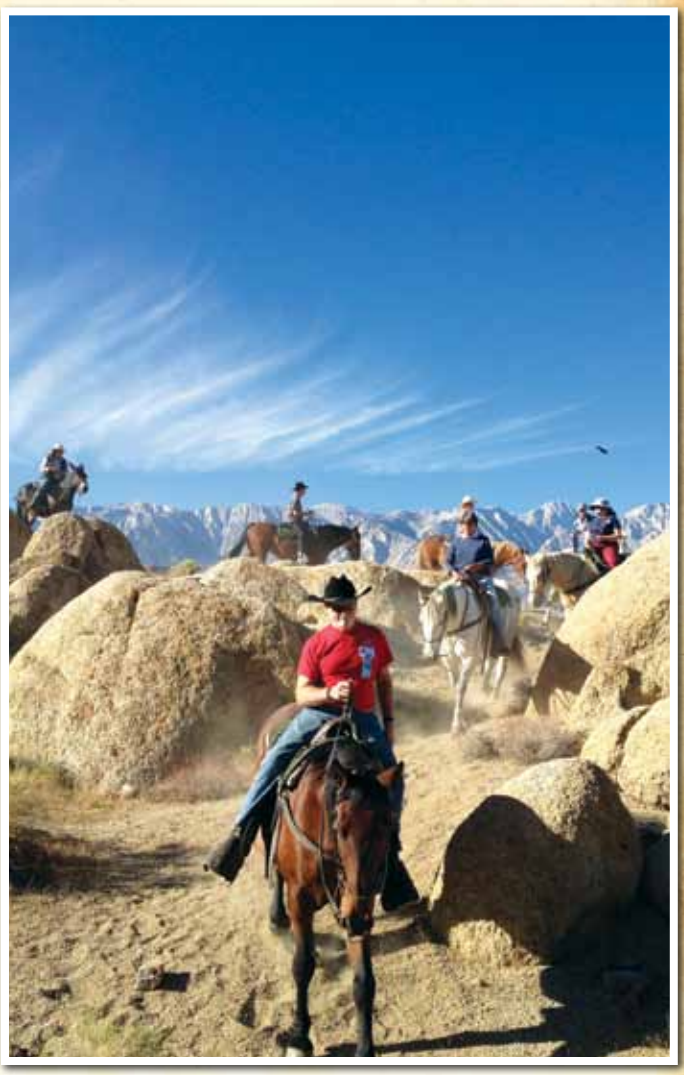


Riders in the Alabama Hills

Wild Horses Photo by Bert Dennison

NIGHT SKIES

Meteor Reflection in Eastern Sierra

Photo by Tony Rowell

" The vast majority of people grow up in a city and don't know what a dark sky looks like. I've never seen anybody who wasn't deeply impressed, their souls struck almost, by being out in a really dark place. "

– David Crawford, Co-founder of the International Dark-Sky Association in Tucson, Ariz.

EASTERN SIERRA NIGHT SKIES

Dark skies around the world are becoming more and more scarce with light pollution from big cities. It is estimated that nearly 90 percent of Americans have never seen the Milky Way due to light pollution, which makes it difficult for people today to understand the ancients' fascination with the heavens. The awe and wonder of the universe has been lost for many modern Americans.

Although a number of stars can be viewed from many rural areas in America today, there are few places which can compare to the absolute river of light that is the night sky in the Eastern Sierra. Our dark skies draw astronomers and photographers from all over the world. It is the perfect place to view annual meteor showers, such as the Perseids and the Leonids. Check with your local astronomical society or online for more information on the timing of these events.

HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Laws Train

Photo by Ron Nickerson

HISTORY & HERITAGE

The spirit of the valley's native heritage and frontier history is alive and well in the Eastern Sierra. Venture into its stories, legends, and myths beginning with the Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center where you learn about our unique indigenous culture. Afterward, drive over to the Laws Railroad Museum located just a few miles northeast of Bishop on Hwy. 6. This historic village pulls you into the Wild West days of the late 1800s with its frontier ambiance. Outside Laws on roads less travelled, find nearby hidden gems depicting historic events, milestones, and architecture.

In Bishop, many locals still do things the "cowboy way." It's not uncommon to see ranchers on horseback moving cattle or farmers cultivating crops of alfalfa or garlic. Each year, Bishop hosts several western events, including Mule Days during Memorial Day week, California High School Rodeo State Finals in early summer and Labor Day Rodeos in conjunction with the annual Tri-County Fair each Labor Day weekend.

Laws Railroad Museum & Historical Village

Hwy. 6 North • (760) 873-5950 • www.lawmuseum.org

Much more than a railroad museum, with 11 acres of exhibits including 25 buildings on display, the Laws Railroad Museum features outdoor exhibits including farming, mining and railroad equipment. Open all year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation. Located four miles northeast of Bishop on Hwy. 6.

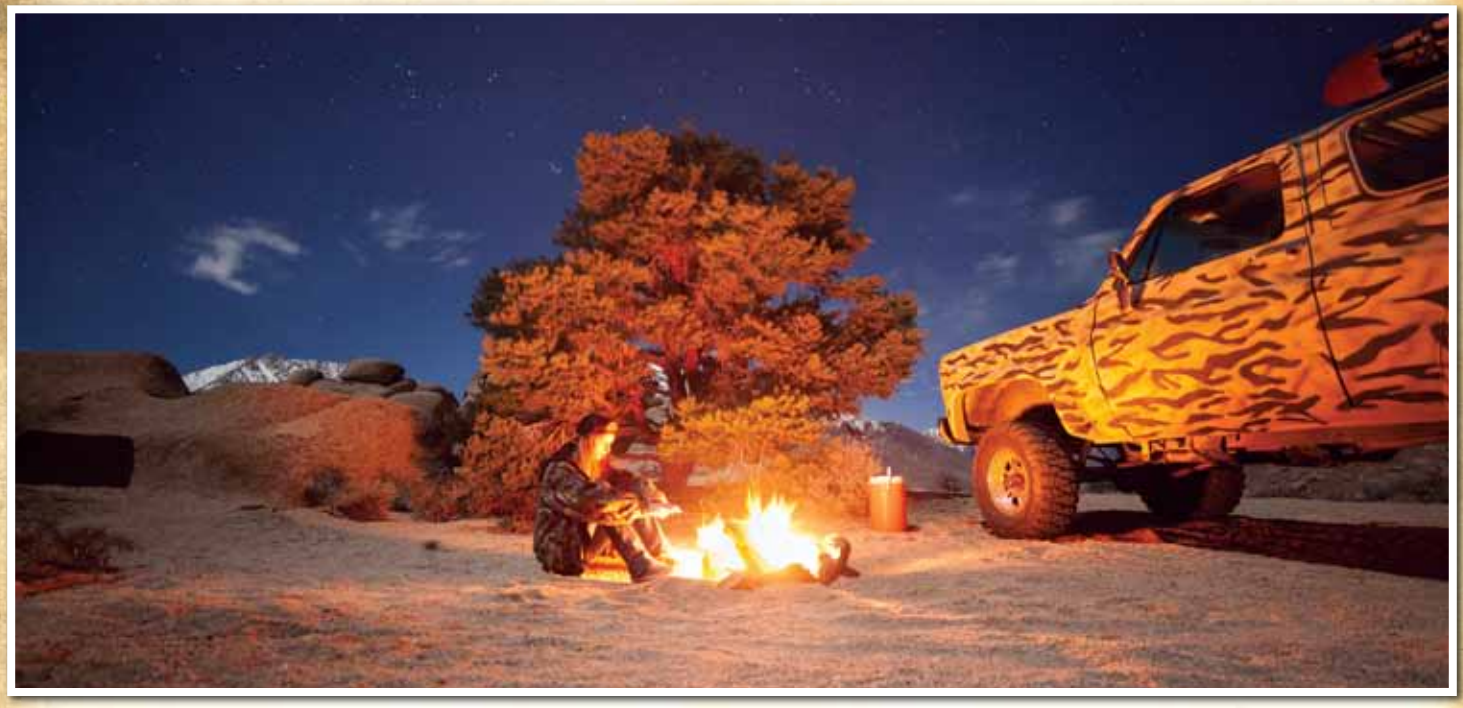
Owens Valley Paiute-Shoshone Cultural Center

2300 West Line Street, Bishop • (760) 873-8844
www.bishoppaiutetribe.com/cultural-center

Open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed around the holidays; please call to confirm.

Manahuu (Hello). Experience the unique and beautiful cultural heritage of the indigenous people of the Owens Valley. The Cultural Center is seen as a living center; reflecting the history, culture, and living history of the Nuumu (Paiute) and Newe (Shoshone) People. The museum showcases the art and lifeways of the Nuumu and Newe including cultural displays, collections of artifacts and literature, a memorial hall paying tribute to Native American Veterans and their families, environmental displays, as well as a native garden and walking trail. The Gift Shop offers visitors the opportunity to purchase arts and crafts as keepsakes made by local tribal artisans. Proudly owned and operated by the Bishop Paiute Tribe.

CAMPING



A Night in the Buttermilks

Photo by Madi Taylor

OUTDOOR SLUMBER

Camping in the Bishop area brings back childhood memories of roasting marshmallows over an open fire, sleeping under the starlit sky and breathing cool, fresh air. It's time to relive those times and create more memories with family and friends! Campgrounds are abundant near Bishop and are operated by Inyo National Forest, BLM, County of Inyo and several independent businesses. Most are well equipped with piped water and restrooms; some also offer RV hook-ups, showers, stores and food service. While summer is definitely the "high season" for camping, several campgrounds are open year-round. Consider a spring, winter or fall visit to Pleasant Valley, Baker Creek, Benton Hot Springs or Death Valley. See pages 38-41 for campground map and contact information.

Getting Lost in the Stars

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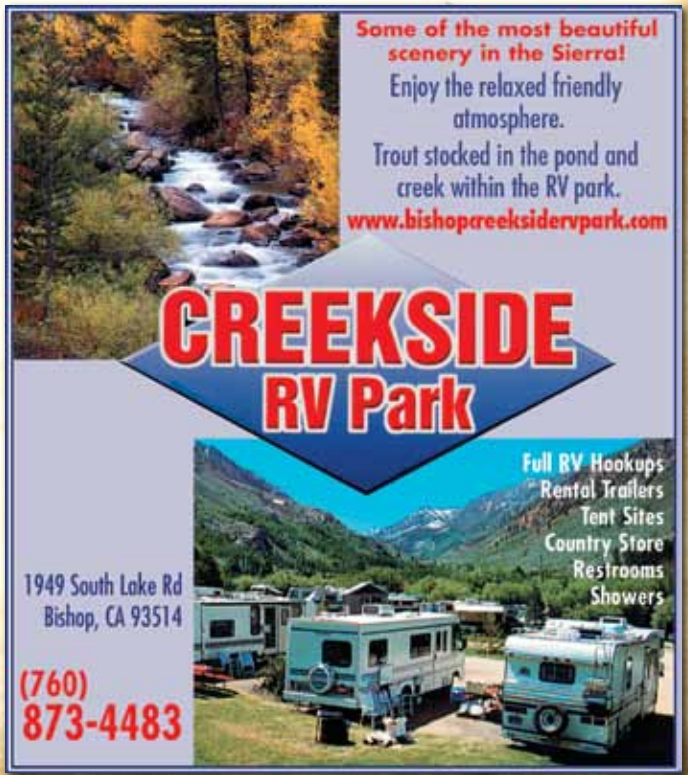

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Camping in the Buttermilks

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Camping in the Buttermilks

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BISHOP-AREA CAMPGROUNDS

For a map of campgrounds in the area, see pages 40-41.

*Group site(s) available **Walk-in site(s) †Overflow ††As needed

ROCK CREEK AREA

MAP	CAMPGROUND	# OF SITES	FEE	SEASON	TELEPHONE	NOTES
1	Aspen*	1	$75	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
2	Big Meadow	11	$24	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
3	East Fork	133	$24	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
4	French Camp	86	$24	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
5	Holiday†	35	$0	Open in Winter	(760) 873-2500	
6	Iris Meadow	14	$24	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
7	Mosquito Flat Trailhead**	10	$0	June-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
8	Palisade (Group)	5	$75	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
9	Pine Grove	11	$24	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
10	Rock Creek Lake	28	$24	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
	Rock Creek Lake*	1	$75	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
11	Tuff	34	$23	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
12	Upper Pine Grove	8	$24	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	

BISHOP AREA

	CAMPGROUND	# OF SITES	FEE	SEASON	TELEPHONE	NOTES
13	Big Trees	16	$25	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
14	Bishop Park	21	$25	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
	Bishop Park*	1	$75	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
15	Bitterbrush	30	$25	Year-round	(760) 873-2500	
16	Brown's Town	150	$28-$33	March-Nov.	(760) 873-8522	RV
17	Creekside RV Park	49	$36-$50	April-Oct.	(760) 873-4483	RV
18	Forks	21	$25	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
19	Four Jeffrey	106	$25	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
20	Highlands RV Park	103	$40+	Year-round	(760) 873-7616	RV
21	Horton Creek	49	$5	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	BLM
22	Intake II**	8	$25	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
	Intake II Upper	5	$25	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
23	J Diamond	18	$25-$35	Year-round	(760) 872-7341	RV
24	Keough's Hot Springs	10	$28-$33	Year-round	(760) 872-4670	RV
25	Brown's Millpond	70	$25-$30	March-Nov.	(760) 873-5342	RV
26	Mountain Glen	5	$23	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
27	North Lake	11	$25	June-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
28	Paiute Palace Casino RV Lot	25	$10	Year-round	(760) 873-4150	
29	Parchers Resort	3	$59	May-Oct.	(760) 873-4177	RV
30	Pleasant Valley	200	$14	Year-round	N/A	
31	Pleasant Valley Pit	75	$2	Nov.-May	(760) 873-2500	BLM
32	Shady Rest Trailer Park	15	$30+	Year-round	(760) 873-3430	RV
33	Sabrina	18	$25	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
34	Table Mountain*	1	$75	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
35	Tri-County Fairgrounds	42	$35	Year-round	(760) 873-3588	RV
36	Willow	7	$24	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	

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Wilderness Permit required
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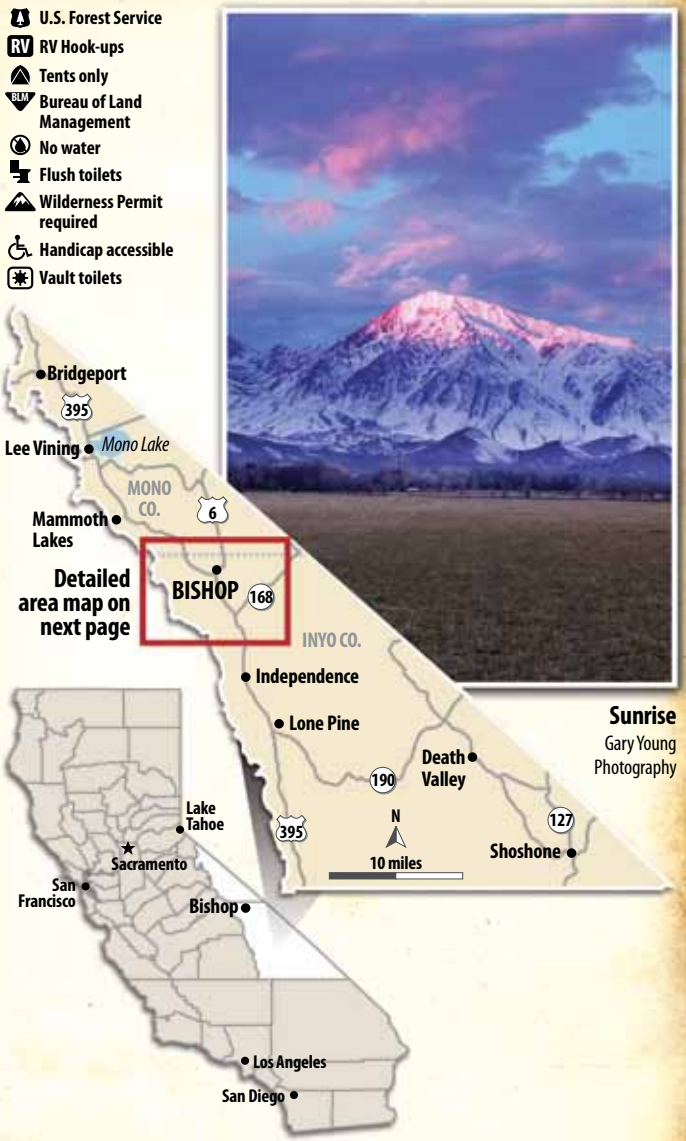
Vault toilets

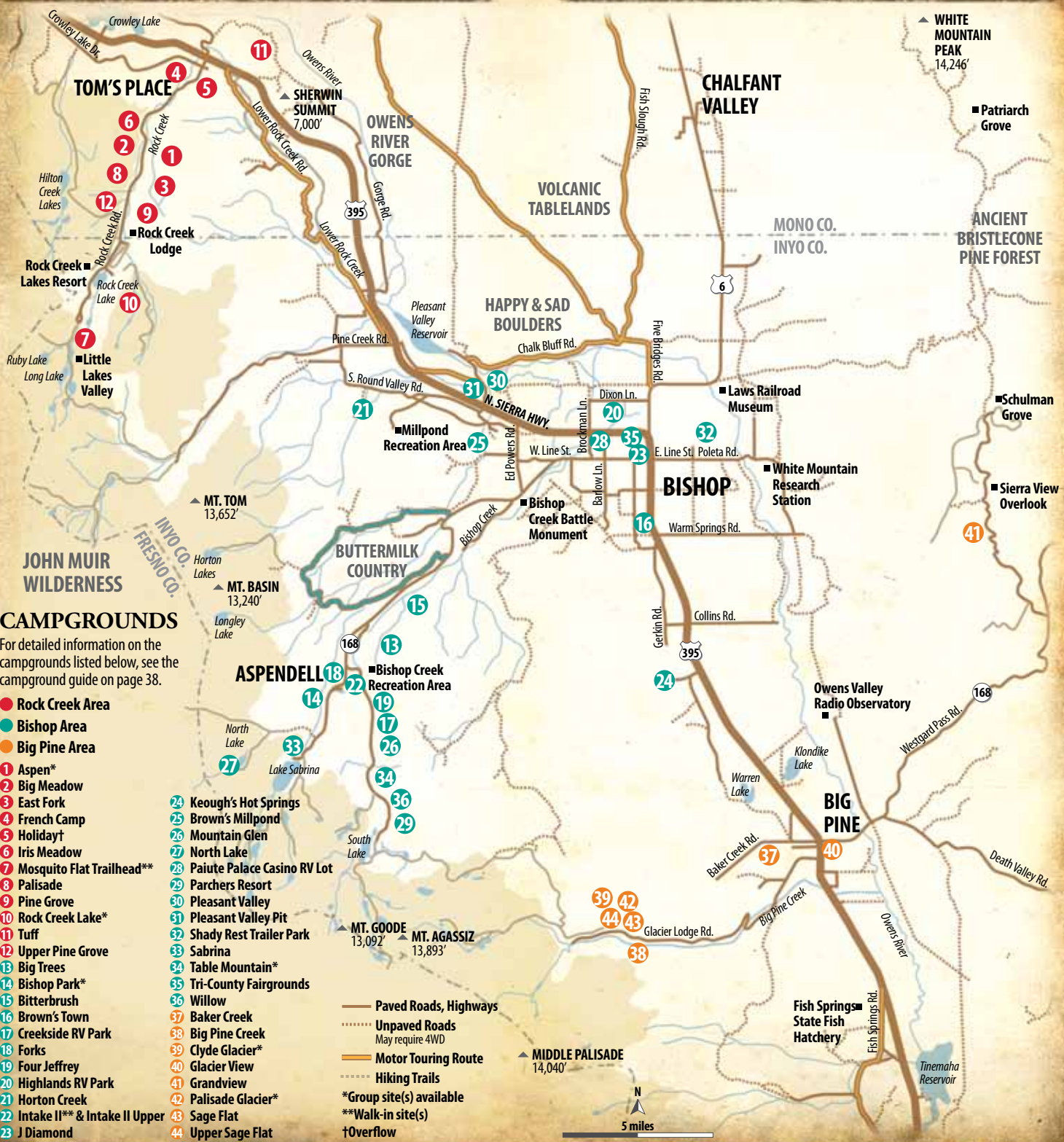


Sunrise
Gary Young Photography

BIG PINE AREA

MAP	CAMPGROUND	# OF SITES	FEE	SEASON	TELEPHONE	NOTES
37	Baker Creek	70	$14	Year-round	N/A	
38	Big Pine Creek	30	$24	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
39	Clyde Glacier*	1	$75	June-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
40	Glacier View	40	$15-$20	Year-round	(760) 872-6911	RV
41	Grandview	23	Donation	April-Nov.	(760) 873-2500	
42	Palisade Glacier*	1	$75	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	
43	Sage Flat	28	$24	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	
44	Upper Sage Flat	20	$24	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	

BISHOP-AREA MAP



CAMPGROUNDS

For detailed information on the campgrounds listed below, see the campground guide on page 38.

- Rock Creek Area
- Bishop Area
- Big Pine Area

1 Aspen*
2 Big Meadow
3 East Fork
4 French Camp
5 Holiday†
6 Iris Meadow
7 Mosquito Flat Trailhead**
8 Palisade
9 Pine Grove
10 Rock Creek Lake*
11 Tuff
12 Upper Pine Grove
13 Big Trees
14 Bishop Park*
15 Bitterbrush
16 Brown's Town
17 Creekside RV Park
18 Forks
19 Four Jeffrey
20 Highlands RV Park
21 Horton Creek
22 Intake II** & Intake II Upper
23 J Diamond
24 Keough's Hot Springs
25 Brown's Millpond
26 Mountain Glen
27 North Lake
28 Paiute Palace Casino RV Lot
29 Parchers Resort
30 Pleasant Valley
31 Pleasant Valley Pit
32 Shady Rest Trailer Park
33 Sabrina
34 Table Mountain*
35 Tri-County Fairgrounds
36 Willow
37 Baker Creek
38 Big Pine Creek
39 Clyde Glacier*
40 Glacier View
41 Grandview
42 Palisade Glacier*
43 Sage Flat
44 Upper Sage Flat

*Group site(s) available
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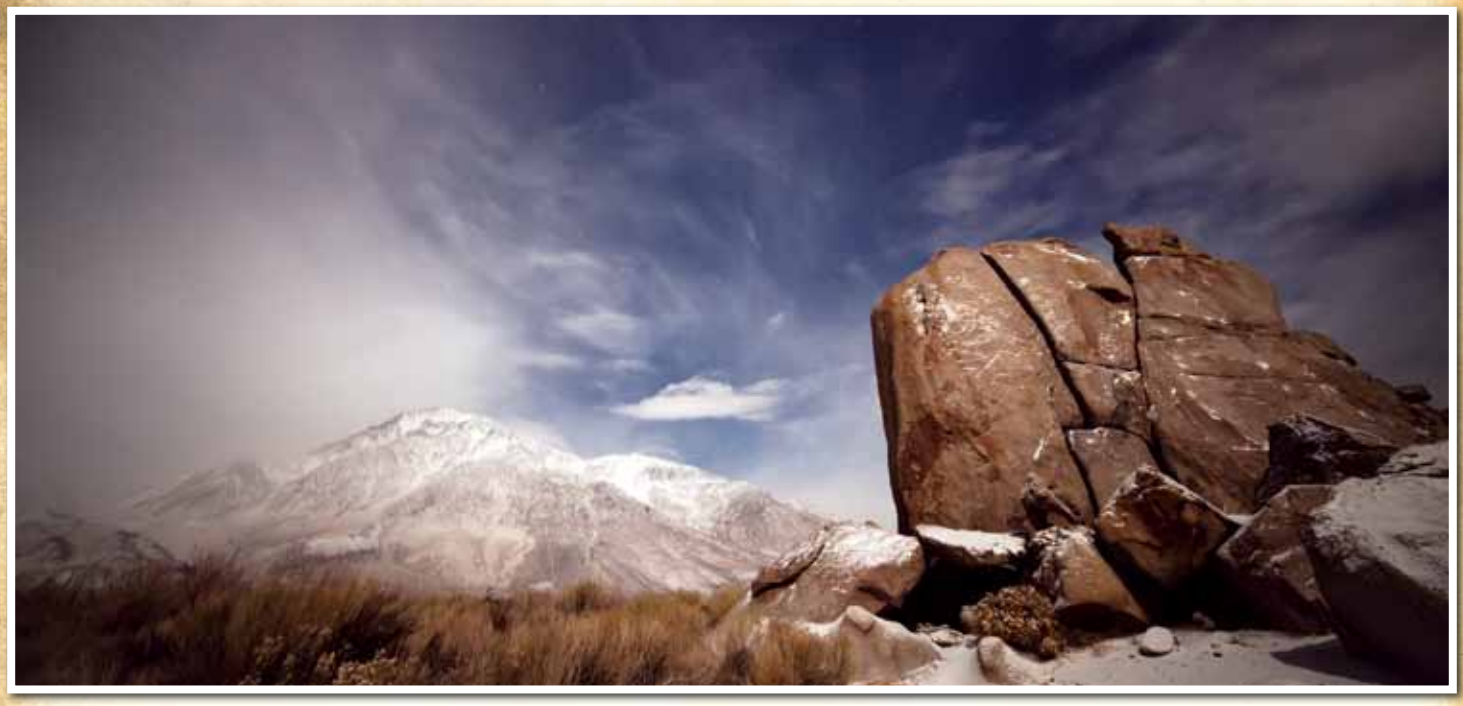


Snowfall in the Buttermilks

Photo by Madi Taylor

SHUTTER BUG

There must be a reason why so many renowned photographers have chosen Eastern Sierra landscapes as their subject matter. Actually, there are thousands of reasons! Ansel Adams, Vern Clevenger and Galen Rowell have all passionately captured the splendor of the area and shared their images with the world. Whether you are a seasoned professional or an enthusiastic beginner, the greater Bishop area offers you a fabulous array of photographic opportunities. From the marvelous wildflowers of spring to the fabulous fall colors, every season promises great shots. Consider honing your skills in a workshop offered by Mountain Light Gallery, (760) 872-7700.

PERSPECTIVES

South Fork of Bishop Creek

Photo by David Wolfe

FALL COLORS

Each autumn trees are ablaze in hues of orange, yellow, gold and crimson. Enjoy warm, sunny days and mild evenings. There's a hint of winter in the air, but summer won't quite let go. The Bishop area offers remarkable contrast of fall color. From majestic cottonwoods in the Owens Valley to quaking aspens draping the high country, you'll be delighted by the range of color at various elevations. Gold and red begin to show in Bishop Creek Canyon in early September and typically reach peak during first week of October. On the Owens Valley floor, colors appear later, generally late September through late October. Ask for the Eastern Sierra Fall Color Map Guide at the Bishop Visitor Center, 690 N. Main Street.

PERSPECTIVES

Rocky Road

Photo by Sharon Fouts

Wild Burro and Telescope Peak in Death Valley

Big-horn Sheep

Photo by Randy Smity

PERSPECTIVES

South Lake from a New Perspective

Photo by Madi Taylor

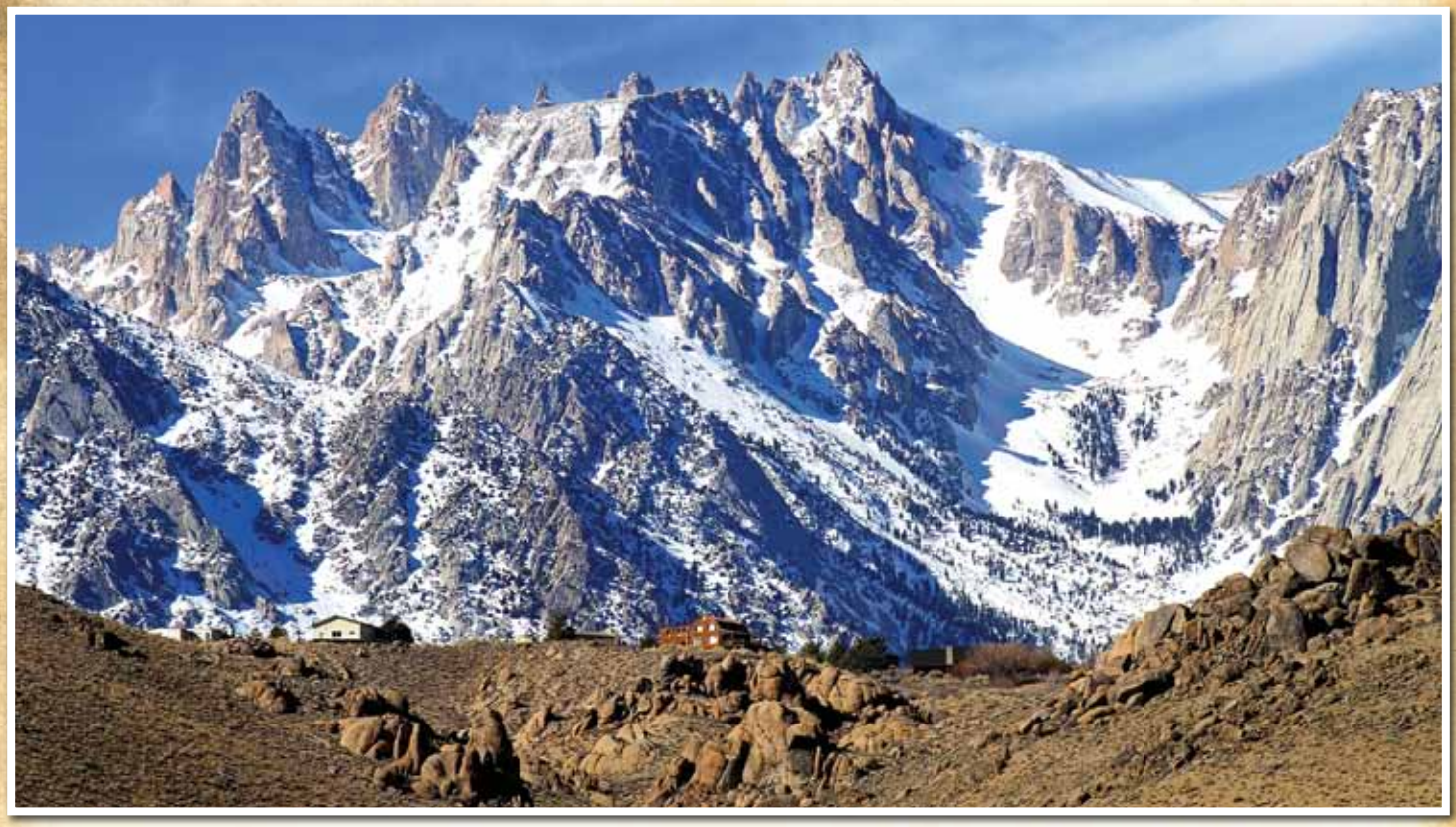
North Lake

Photo by Elliot McCucken

Trail running

Photo by Mike McDermott

REST & RELAXATION



Snow-capped Mountains

REST & RELAXATION

After all, that's why you're here! Of course, we know that taking it easy means something different to everybody, but we have the perfect prescription for city-weary visitors. Our dry, mild climate is ideal for doing it all – or nothing at all.

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At day's end, stay in accommodations ranging from quaint mountain cabins of Bishop Creek to first-rate motels or relaxing bed & breakfast inns. R&R – we've perfected it just for you.

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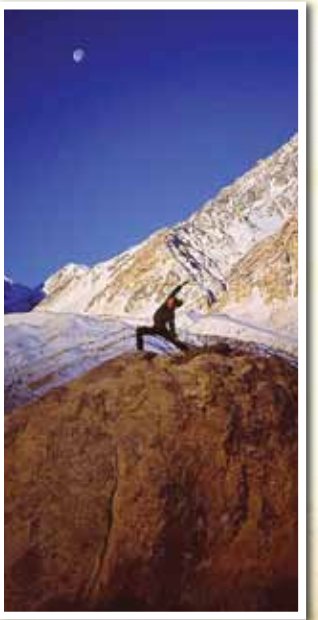

Yoga in the Buttermilks

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In the Zone Massage Therapy
407 W. Line St., Suite 7 • Bishop
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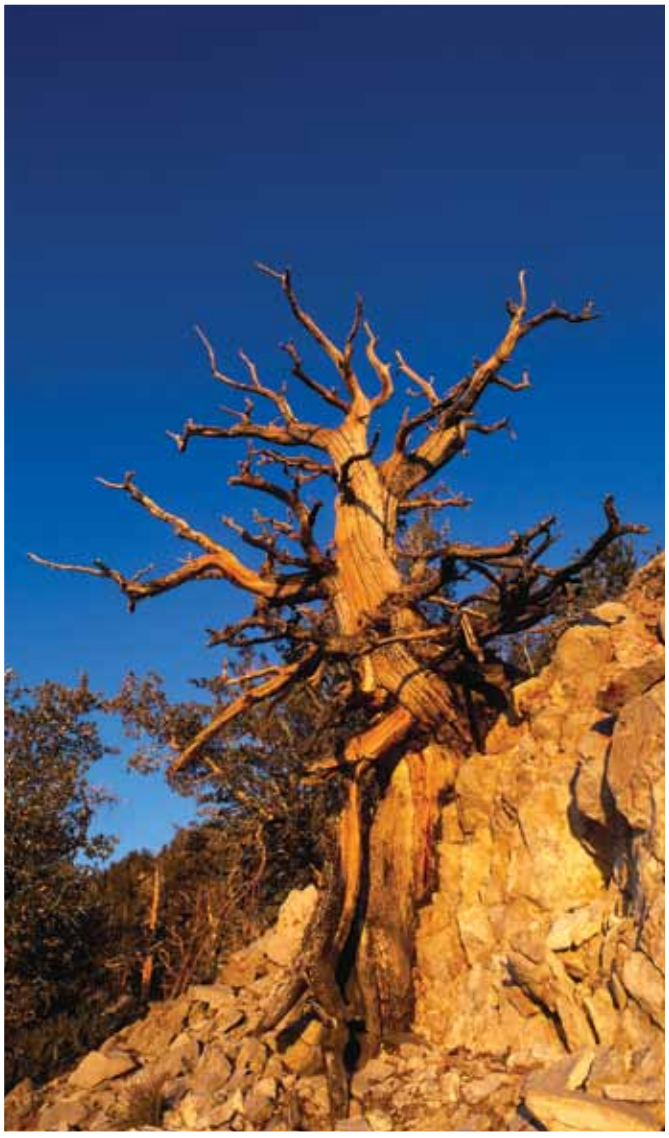

Bristlecone at Sunrise Photo by Tony Rowell

ANCIENT BRISTLECONE PINE FOREST

These trees were ancient even in medieval times. The oldest recorded living things on earth, some have been dated back more than 4,500 years! Bristlecone pine trees grow in the White Mountains at elevations over 9,000 feet. It's hard to imagine anything living in this harsh, wind-swept environment, but that is part of the reason the trees flourish. The Visitor Center at Schulman Grove features displays which tell the story of these amazing trees. Travel south on Hwy. 395 to Big Pine and follow Hwy. 168 to the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest Scenic Byway. Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest is usually open from mid-May through November, weather permitting. Snow storms close the White Mountain road during winter months. Call (760) 873-2500 for current road conditions and operating hours.

Sunflower Sunset – Pleasant Valley Photo by Madi Taylor

CHALK BLUFF AND VOLCANIC TABLELAND

The Volcanic Tableland formed over 700,000 years ago by enormous eruptions of volcanic ash. Today, the Tableland and the area known as Chalk Bluff at their southern edge are very popular with outdoor enthusiasts – especially in fall, winter and spring. Activities include fishing, hiking, birding, photography and climbing.

ROCK CREEK CANYON

Just a half-hour north of Bishop, Rock Creek Canyon is famous for its rugged mountain beauty, fabulous trout fishing and spectacular fall colors. In winter, it becomes a mecca for cross-country ski enthusiasts. Lodging and food services are available in the area.

CROWLEY LAKE

Synonymous with great trout fishing, Crowley Lake also offers boating, water skiing and sailing. Just a short drive north of Bishop on Hwy. 395.

MAMMOTH LAKES

Visit Devil's Postpile National Monument, Rainbow Falls, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area/Bike Park, Minaret Vista and other high-country sites. Just 45 minutes north of Bishop, vacationers enjoy golf, hiking, fishing and more. For more information, call the Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center and Ranger Station at (888) GO-MAMMOTH.

El Capitan, Yosemite

Photo by Tony Rowell

SIGHTSEEING

Lenticular Cloud over the Owens River, Eastern Sierra

Photo by Galen Rowell/Mountain Light Gallery

JUNE LAKE LOOP

Like a necklace of sapphires, the lakes dotting the June Lake Loop provide recreational enjoyment for the entire family. Fishing, horseback riding, picnicking, boating, mountain biking, swimming and more complement a full-service resort community. The loop's fall colors are particularly stunning: its aspen-covered slopes turn into brilliant hues of gold and red. In winter, this vacation paradise is home to June Mountain Ski Area, just an hour north of Bishop.

MONO LAKE

Strange tufa formations, abundant wildlife and breathtaking vistas reward visitors to this ancient inland sea. An expansive visitor center overlooks the lake and features elaborate hands-on interpretive displays. Mono Lake is located in Lee Vining, a town located 62 miles north of Bishop. For more information, call the Mono Basic Scenic Area Visitors Center at (760) 647-3044.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Yosemite's thundering waterfalls, lush meadows and granite cliffs rising from the valley floor attract more than four million visitors each year. The eastern entrance via Hwy. 120 is located less than two hours north of Bishop and is generally accessible from the end of May through mid-November. In winter months, the road is closed due to snow. For park information, visit www.yosemitepark.com. For road conditions/closures, visit www.dot.ca.gov or call (800) 427-7623.

BRIDGEPORT & WALKER RIVER CANYON

The wild and scenic Walker River rushes down forested canyons and meanders across open meadows. Located 85 miles north of Bishop, fishing, camping and scenic lodging dot the river. The East Walker River near the historic town of Bridgeport is home to famous fly-fishing. The Bridgeport Reservoir offers fabulous boat fishing. For more information, visit www.bridgeportcalifornia.com.

Bodie Rainbow

Photo by Tony Rowell

BODIE GHOST TOWN

Once a thriving gold town of 10,000, Bodie now stands in a state of "arrested decay." Legend has it that Bodie was one of the toughest towns in the Old West. Now it sits as one of the most interesting and well-preserved ghost towns in the New West. Located approximately 90 miles north of Bishop, turn off on Bodie Road south of Bridgeport. Bring a lunch, as food services are not available. For more information, call the Bodie State Historical Park at (760) 647-6445.

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Clouds in the Owens Valley

MANZANAR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In 1942, the United States government ordered more than 110,000 men, women, and children to leave their homes and detained them in remote, military-style camps. Manzanar War Relocation Center was one of ten camps where Japanese American citizens and resident Japanese aliens were interned during World War II. The Manzanar Interpretive Center includes 8,000 square feet of exhibits, a bookstore, and theaters which show the site's award winning 22-minute film "Remembering Manzanar" every half hour. Exhibits include a large scale model of Manzanar War Relocation Center crafted by former internees, historic photographs, audiovisual programs and artifacts. A large graphic includes the names of over 10,000 Japanese Americans who spent all or part of World War II at Manzanar. Open year-round. For information and schedule of special programs, call (760) 878-2194.

Levi, the dog, and Mt. Whitney

MOUNT WHITNEY

The highest peak in the contiguous United States, Mount Whitney rises 14,494 feet into the Sierra sky. Be sure to stop at the InterAgency Visitor Center just south of Lone Pine for a breathtaking view from the valley floor. Even if you don't plan to climb Mount Whitney, a visit to the portal is well worth the side trip! A relatively easy nine-mile drive west of Hwy. 395 will take you to Whitney Portal (elevation 7,851) where climbers begin their ascents. Whitney Portal features campgrounds, parking lots, a store and restaurant open May through October. The trail to the summit is very popular yet quite strenuous. You must have a permit. Reach the Wilderness Permit Reservation Office at (877) 444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov.

MOUNT WHITNEY FISH HATCHERY

The historic trout breeding center in Independence began operation in 1917 and it is definitely a "must-see" attraction as you make your way along Highway 395. Visitors may enjoy picnicking in the shade of tall trees, feeding trout in the beautiful pond and touring the museum and interpretive center operated by the Friends of Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery.

Alabama Hills hiker

ALABAMA HILLS

The outstanding features and environment of the Alabama Hills attract movie makers, commercial companies, photographers and tourists from all over the world. Since the early 1920s, characters such as Hopalong Cassidy, Gene Autry and the Lone Ranger have been shooting it out with outlaws in the Alabama Hills. Classics such as "Gunga Din" and "How the West Was Won" were filmed at sites now known as "Movie Flats" and at Movie Flat Road. The community of Lone Pine hosts the Lone Pine Film Festival every October and the Museum of Western Film History celebrates and preserves the long and varied film history of Lone Pine, Death Valley and the Eastern Sierra. Recreational opportunities abound in the Alabama Hills Recreation area including biking, hiking, camping and auto touring. Contact the Bishop Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau for a trail map to the iconic Arch Trail.

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

Visitors describe Death Valley as "other worldly" and "truly amazing!" DVNP is rich in beauty and pioneer history, and was known as a prosperous mining mecca for many decades. The valley was mined extensively for gold, silver, copper, tungsten, lead, zinc, antimony and borax. Today, visitors from around the globe come to enjoy magical vistas at Zabriskie Point and Mesquite Sand Dunes. Photographers seek fantastic spring wildflower blooms, breathtaking colors at Artist's Palette and abundant wildlife. A few popular places in DVNP include: Scotty's Castle, Badwater (282' below sea level), Devil's Golf Course, Mosaic Canyon, and The Racetrack. Death Valley National Park is about 140 miles long and is best accessed from Bishop via HWY 136 to HWY 190 from Lone Pine. Be sure to stop at Father Crowley Point for a view you'll never forget! In summer months, temperatures in Death Valley can reach 120 degrees plus, so be prepared with water and a well-maintained vehicle. In spring, winter and fall, temps are much more moderate for hiking and biking. In order to make the most of your visit to the hottest, driest and lowest place on earth, we recommend a stop at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center and Museum. The Death Valley Chamber of Commerce is another great resource for dining, lodging and services. Call 1 (800) 688-1844 or visit **www.deathvalleychamber.org.**

BISHOP-AREA EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Visit www.bishopvisitor.com for updated event information and happenings in the area.

JANUARY

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Month-long	**Enjoy Year-Round Fishing on the Beautiful Owens River and at Pleasant Valley Reservoir** Fishing season never closes in Bishop!
Jan. 28	**Bishop Motocross Race at Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop** $10 admission/$5 for 12 and under. Gates open at 7 a.m. www.bishopmotocross.com.
Jan. 31	**Alina Kiryayeva Live in Concert** Hosted by Bishop Community Concerts Association. 7 p.m. at Bishop Union High School Theater. For tickets and membership information, call (760) 873-6252 or visit bishopcca.org.

FEBRUARY

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Month-long	**Enjoy Year-Round Fishing on the Beautiful Owens River and at Pleasant Valley Reservoir** Fishing season never closes in Bishop!
Feb. 25	**Bishop Motocross Race at Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop** $10 admission/$5 for 12 and under. Gates open at 7 a.m. www.bishopmotocross.com.

MARCH

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Month-long	**Enjoy Year-Round Fishing on the Beautiful Owens River and at Pleasant Valley Reservoir** Fishing season never closes in Bishop!
March 4	**Early Opener Trout Derby at Diaz Lake in Lone Pine** Prizes for kids and adults. Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce (760)876-4444 or www.lonepinechamber.org
March 11	**Blake Jones Trout Derby in Bishop** $10K in prizes – cash, float tubes, rods & reels, fishing tackle, tons of fishing gear. Prize categories include Blind Bogey, Biggest Trout, and a Big Cash drawing! Pre-register online. Registration starts at 6 a.m. at the derby. Hosted by Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce, sponsored in part by County of Inyo. For more information, call (760) 873-8405 or visit www.bishopvisitor.com.
March 13	**Vanguard University's Choral Ensemble** Hosted by Bishop Community Concerts Association. 7 p.m. at Bishop Union High School Theater. For tickets and membership information, call (760) 873-6252 or visit bishopcca.org.
March 31	**Banff Mountain Film Festival** Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Contact Inyo Council for the Arts at (760) 873-8014. www.inyo.org

APRIL

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Month-long	**Enjoy Year-Round Fishing on the Beautiful Owens River and at Pleasant Valley Reservoir** Fishing season never closes in Bishop!
April 1	**Banff Mountain Film Festival** Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Contact Inyo Council for the Arts at (760) 873-8014. www.inyo.org
April 3	**Folk Collection: Songs of the 60s** Hosted by Bishop Community Concerts Association. 7 p.m. at Bishop Union High School Theater. For tickets and membership information, call (760) 873-6252 or visit bishopcca.org.

Mule Days Parade

APRIL

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
April 28-30	**Owens Lake Bird Festival** Field trips, informational displays, workshops, photography and fun for all birding enthusiasts. Visit www.friendsoftheinyo.org for more information.
April 29	**Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage** A delegation of Japanese-Americans and others return to Manzanar to pay tribute to the internees and Japanese-American veterans who fought in WWII. Organized by Manzanar National Historic Site. Call (760) 878-2932 for details.
April 29	**Opening day for the General Trout Season in the Eastern High Sierra** All the lakes and streams throughout the region open to fishing just before sunrise.

MAY

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
May 5	**"Taste of the Sierra" Sponsored by the Bishop Area Chamber** Tri-County Fairgrounds during the first night of the Home Show. Area restaurants and caterers serve samples of their finest cuisine. Admission ticket includes two beverages; beer, wine or soda. (760) 873-8405.
May 5-6	**Home Show Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop** See the latest and greatest products and services for your home. Free admission and parking. Call (760) 873-3588 or visit www.tricountyfair.com.
May 6	**Choo Choo Swap Meet at the Tri-County Fairgrounds** Bishop's biggest semi-annual swap meet. Like 100 yard sales in one location. Proceeds benefit Laws Railroad Museum. (760) 873-5950.
May 6	**Wild West Marathon** 50K, 10-mile and 3-mile fun run. Contact Lone Pine Chamber at (760) 876-4444 or visit www.lonepinechamber.org.
May 23-28	**Mule Days Celebration** Bishop's largest event held every Memorial Day weekend as backcountry mule and horse packers celebrate the opening of the summer packing season. World's largest non-motorized parade, rodeo-style packing competitions, concerts, crafts fair and more. (760) 872-4263 or visit www.muledays.org.
May 26-29	**Memorial Day Weekend Arts & Crafts Show at the Bishop City Park** Quality handcrafted items and fine arts. Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Monday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Hosted by Inyo Council for the Arts. Call (760) 873-8014 or visit www.inyo.org.

JUNE

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
June 9	**Concert in the Rocks** Contact The Museum of Western Film History in Lone Pine at (760) 876-9909 or visit www.lonepinefilmhistorymuseum.org.
June 13-16	**California High School Rodeo State Finals** At the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Athletes from high schools all over California compete for the state rodeo championship on a scale comparable with college and professional rodeo. Approximately 300 contestants will compete this week in the State Finals. General admission tickets will available at the gate. For more information, visit www.chsra.org.
June 17	**Father's Day Weekend Fishing Derby in Independence** "Blind Bogey" event so everybody has a chance to win! Prizes for children and adults. For more information, call (760) 878-2037.

JULY

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Saturdays	**Eastern Sierra Certified Farmers' Market** Mid-July through October. 9 a.m. Academy Street Parking Lot behind City Hall.
Mondays	**Bishop Community Band Concerts** Every Monday night, 8 p.m. throughout the summer in the gazebo at the front of the Bishop City Park. Free admission. Bring your own lawn chair and a friend!
July 3	**Independence Celebration** With fireworks at Paiute Palace Casino.
July 4	**BIG Day in Bishop City Park** Free swimming, free softball tournament, free pie and ice cream, live entertainment and good old-fashioned fun for all.
July 4	**Fantastic Fireworks Show** Hosted by Bishop Volunteer Fire Department at Eastern Sierra Regional Airport. For more information, contact City of Bishop, (760) 873-5863.

AUGUST

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Saturdays	**Eastern Sierra Certified Farmers' Market** Mid-July through October. 9 a.m. Academy Street Parking Lot behind City Hall.
Mondays	**Bishop Community Band Concerts** Every Monday night, 8 p.m. throughout the summer in the gazebo at the front of the Bishop City Park. Free admission. Bring your own lawn chair and a friend!
Aug. 1-Sept. 4	**Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair in Bishop** Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties get together for a good old-fashioned county fair! Competition for the coveted blue ribbons, pie contest, pet show, horse show, carnival rides and games, rodeos, 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.tricountyfair.com.

SEPTEMBER

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Month-long	**Fall Colors in the Eastern Sierra** Catch the annual display of autumn splendor in the Bishop area starting at the higher elevations of Bishop Creek Canyon around the middle of this month, peaking at the end of the September, early October in the canyon. Call for a free Fall Color Guide, (760) 873-8405 or visit www.bishopvisitor.com.
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SEPTEMBER

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Sept. 1-4	**Labor Day Weekend Arts & Crafts Show in Bishop City Park** This annual show includes dozens of booths featuring art, photography, jewelry, weavings, woodcarving and turning, ceramics, gourd art, clothing, food, and more. Friday-Sunday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, contact Inyo Council for the Arts at (760) 873-8014 or visit www.inyo.org.
Sept. 15-17	**Millpond Music Festival** Featuring live entertainment with an eclectic and fine collection of traditional and contemporary music. Beautiful mountain backdrop, children's arts & crafts activities, workshops by performers, art show by local artists, food and drink booths. For more information and updates on the line-up, call (760)873-8014 or visit www.inyo.org.
Sept. 22-24	**Annual Pow Wow and California Native American Day Celebration** Parade, traditional dancing, hand games, arts & crafts, music, food and more. For more information, contact Paiute Palace Casino at (760) 873-4150 or visit www.paiutepalace.com.

Fall Colors Photo by Paul Lemm

OCTOBER

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
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Saturdays	**Eastern Sierra Certified Farmers' Market** Mid-July through October. 9 a.m. Academy Street Parking Lot behind City Hall.
Oct. 7-8	**Fall Colors Cruise and Car Show** Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop. Classic cars in a classic setting. Show & Shine, music, Altrusa's fine art show and sale, Sweet Adelines host arts & crafts fair and much, much more. Sponsored by the Owens Valley Cruisers Car Club. Visit www.owensvalleycruisers.com.
Oct. 7	**Choo Choo Swap Meet** Tri-County Fairgrounds. Bishop's biggest semi-annual swap meet. Like 100 yard sales in one location. Proceeds benefit Laws Railroad Museum, (760) 873-5950
Oct. 7-9	**Annual Lone Pine Film Festival** If you love Western movies, this is the BIG ONE! Tours, stars, panels, parade, memorabilia dealers, arts & crafts show, music, closing campfire, plus opening night concert. Call Lone Film Festival and Film History Museum, (760) 876-9103.

Millpond Music Festival

OCTOBER

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Oct. 14-15	**VCMC Dual Sport Motorcycle Ride** Organized by Ventura County Motorcycle Club. Call (805) 857-2522 or visit www.venturacountymc.com.
Oct. 20-22	**SWCIFF Fly Fishing Faire** Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Demonstrations, classes, on-the-water instruction, gear vendors and more. All ages and all skill levels welcome. For more information, visit www.southwestcouncilfff.org.

Fly fishing in the Eastern Sierra

NOVEMBER

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Nov. 3-5	**Craggin' Classic Fall Highball** Clinics, demonstrations, films, guest speakers, gear vendors, fellowship and stewardship for climbers. www.cragginclassic.com.

DECEMBER

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Dec. 2	**Bishop Community Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting and Street of Lights Party** Main Street Parade starts at 4:30 p.m. Tree Lighting at 5:30 p.m. Stroll downtown from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. to visit participating merchants. Have the map stamped for a chance to win $500 cash. Organized by Bishop Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call (760) 873-8405.
Dec. 9	**Railroad Express at Laws Museum** Families enjoy train rides, live entertainment, crafts and activities, refreshments and visits with Santa.

LOCAL HOTELS, MOTELS & INNS

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Handicap Accessible · Breakfast · Fish Cleaning & Storage · Guest Laundry Facilities
Kitchen/ Kitchenette · Fitness Room

BISHOP

For a map of hotels and inns in downtown Bishop, see pages 74-75.

MAP	HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
1	**America's Best Value Inn** 192 Short St. (877) 873-4912, (760) 873-4912 www.abvibishopca.com	$59 and up		Cable TV, microwave, mini-fridge, coffee maker, hair dryer, BBQ area, AAA.
2	**Best Western Bishop Lodge** 1025 N. Main St. (800) 576-3543, (760) 873-3543 www.bestwesternbishop.com	$89-$249		Deluxe rooms, spa, group rates, microwave, coffee, refrigerator, iron, BBQ facilities. Fitness room.
3	**Bishop Days Inn** 724 W. Line St. (800) DAYS-INN, (760) 872-1095 www.bishop-daysinn.com	Call for rates		Suites and non-smoking rooms available. Outdoor pool, indoor hot tub.
4	**Bishop Elms Motel** 233 E. Elm St. (800) 848-9226, (760) 873-8118 www.bishopelmsmotel.com	Call for rates		Quiet, clean and reasonable. The comfort of home, but we do the cleaning. BBQ and picnic area available – perfect for family reunions.
5	**Bishop Village Motel** 286 W. Elm St. (888) 668-5546, (760) 872-8155 www.bishopvillagemotel.com	$79-$165		Many different style rooms, new furnishings and flat screens with cable TV. Quiet, clean, centrally located and friendly.
6	**Comfort Inn** 805 N. Main St. (877) 424-6423, (760) 873-4284 www.comfortinn.com	$75-$260		Senior discounts, AAA, microwave, refrigerator, in-room coffee, group rates, hot tub.
7	**Creekside Inn** 725 N. Main St. (800) 273-3550, (760) 872-3044 www.bishopcreeksideinn.com	Call for rates		Bishop's only creekside lodging. Free full hot breakfast, high-speed internet, refrigerators, AAA and senior discounts.
8	**El Rancho Motel** 274 Lagoon St. (760) 872-9251 www.bishopmotels.net	$59-&189		Flatscreen TV, HBO, duvet/ comforters, refrigerator, microwave, in-room coffee, BBQ area, smoke-free rooms.
9	**Holiday Inn Express** 636 N. Main St. (760) 872-2423 www.hiexpress.com/bishopca	$99-$249		Refrigerator, microwave, Wi-Fi, AARP, group rates, voice mail, HBO, sauna, AAA, fitness center. Hot breakfast.
10	**The Hostel California** 213 Academy St. (760) 399-6316 www.thehostelcalifornia.com	$20-$80		Communal dorm rooms and private rooms available. Climbers and hikers welcome!
11	**Joseph House Inn Bed & Breakfast** 376 W. Yaney St. (760) 872-3389, (760) 937-2103 www.josephhouseinn.com	$148-$200		3 acres of gardens located in a quiet residential area. 3- to 5-minute walk to most restaurants and shops.
12	**Keough's Hot Springs Resort** 800 Keough Hot Springs Rd. (760) 872-4670 www.keoughshotsprings.com	$90-$140		Luxury tent cabins, modular retreat with fully equipped kitchen, BBQ and picnic areas.

BISHOP

MAP	HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
13	**La Quinta Inn & Suites** 651 N. Main St. (800) 753-3757, (760) 873-6380 laquintabishopmammothlakes.com	$99-$350		3-Diamond AAA, bedroom suites, microwave, refrigerator, iron, fitness room, AAA, senior discounts. Internet.
14	**Motel 6** 1005 N. Main St. (800) 466-8356, (760) 873-8426 www.motel6.com	From $59		New rooms, refrigerator, microwave, HBO, AAA & senior discounts, flat-screen TV, non-smoking, pets stay free. Guests receive 10% discount at Denny's and Upper Crust Restaurant.
15	**Mountain View Motel** 730 W. Line St. (760) 873-4242 www.thebestmotelever.com	Call for rates		Refrigerators, hair dryers in all rooms. Kitchen suites.
16	**Red Roof Inn** 150 E. Elm St. (760) 873-3564 www.redroof.com	Call for rates		Refrigerator and microwave in all rooms. All non-smoking, newly remodeled rooms include 40" flatscreen TVs. Pets stay for free.
17	**Super 8 Motel** 535 S. Main St. (760) 872-1386 www.super8.com	$55-$85		Seasonal pool, free HBO/ Disney, laundry, AAA, senior discounts.
18	**Thunderbird Motel** 190 W. Pine St. (760) 873-4215 bishopthunderbirdmotel.com	Call for rates		In-room coffee maker, refrigerator, microwave. Cable TV. Smoking/non-smoking rooms available.
19	**Townhouse Motel** 625 N. Main St. (866) 430-2692 www.travelodge.com	Call for rates		Centrally located, reasonable rates.
20	**Travelodge** 155 E. Elm St. (800) 257-2297, (760) 872-1771 www.travelodge.com	$69.99 and up		Microwave, refrigerator, in-room coffee maker. All rooms are non-smoking. Hot tub open year-round. Some rooms have balconies.
21	**Trees Motel** 796 W. Line St. (760) 873-6391	$59-$189		Flatscreen TV, duvet/comforter, refrigerator, microwave, in-room coffee, BBQ area, ping pong, smoke-free rooms.
22	**Vagabond Inn** 1030 N. Main St. (800) 522-1555, (760) 873-6351 www.vagabondinn.com	From $69.95		New rooms, refrigerator, microwave, Showtime, AAA, senior discounts, non-smoking, BBQ area, dog park. Guests receive 10% discount at Denny's & Upper Crust.

HOTELS, MOTELS & INNS

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BISHOP CREEK CANYON

HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
Bishop Creek Lodge 2100 South Lake Rd. (760) 873-4484 www.bishopcreeklodge.com	$130-$300		Cabins, general store, bait shop, BBQ facility.
Cardinal Village Resort 321 Cardinal Rd. (760) 873-4789 www.cardinalvillageresort.com	$85-$420		Free Wi-Fi, horseback riding, picnic area, fishing pond, general store, bait & tackle, gift shop, café, gold mine tours.
Parchers Resort 5001 South Lake Rd. (760) 873-4177 www.parchersresort.net	$123-$279		Boat rentals, hiker resupplies, cabins, bait & tackle, gift shop, general store, RV hookups.

BIG PINE

HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
Bristlecone Motel 101 North Main St. (866) 609-3785, (760) 938-2067 www.bristleconemotel.com	$55-$80		AAA-approved, kitchen units, refrigerators. Free Wi-Fi, bbq area.
Starlight Motel 511 S. Main St. (760) 938-2011 www.starlightmotelbigpine.com	$55+		Refrigerator, flat screen TV with cable, A/C, patios with BBQ, microwaves available.

LONE PINE

HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
Comfort Inn 1920 S. Main St. (800) 800-6468, (760) 876-8700 www.choicehotels.com	$79-$199		A/C, non-smoking rooms, golf course, views of Mt. Whitney, near Death Valley. Pool & hot tub.

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BOULDER CREEK RV RESORT

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BENTON

HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
The Old House & Inn at Benton Hot Springs 55137 Hwy. 120 (866) 466-2824, (760) 933-2287 www.historicbentonhotsprings.com	$109-300		Rustic elegance in a tranquil atmosphere. Hot springs available by the hour or overnight. Full breakfast. Fitness room.

Boat and pier Photo by Jana Favalora

CROWLEY LAKE, ROCK CREEK CANYON AND MAMMOTH LAKES

HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
Convict Lake Resort 2000 Convict Lake Rd. (800) 992-2260, (760) 934-3800 www.convictlake.com	Call for rates		Full-service resort open year-round, cabins/lodges for 2-34 people
Rainbow Tarns B&B 505 Rainbow Tarns Rd. (888) 588-6269, (760) 935-4556 www.rainbowtarns.com	$110-$155		Private baths, large great room with fire place, full breakfast, afternoon wind and snacks. Open seasonally April 1 through October 31.
Rock Creek Lakes Resort 1 Upper Rock Creek Rd. (760) 935-4311 www.rockcreeklakesresort.com	$195-$385		Cabins on hill above Rock Creek Lake. Boat and kayak rentals, general store with propane available. Hot showers, breakfast, homemade BBQ.
Rock Creek Lodge 85 Rock Creek Rd. Mammoth Lakes, CA (760) 935-4170 www.rockcreeklodge.com	$130-$300		Creekfront cabins, sauna, kitchens, open year-round. Store, group rates. Nestled in pine trees on Rock Creek, adjacent to John Muir Wilderness. Pets OK in summer.
Tom's Place Resort 8180 Crowley Lake Dr. (760) 935-4239 www.tomsplaceresort.com	$35-$140		A rustic resort open year-round. Full café serving breakfast, lunch & dinner. Complete bar and market Cabins and lodge rooms adjacent to Rock Creek.

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TONOPAH

HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
Mizpah Hotel 100 N. Main St. (775) 482-3030 www.mizpahhotel.net	Call for rates		A landmark of luxury since 1907. Historic hotel, casino and saloon.

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Events for 2017

Oct. 15-Feb. 25	Bishop Motocross
March 15-19	Back Country Rendezvous
March 31-April 1	Banff Film Festival
April 8-9	District 9 Rodeo
May 5-6	Home Show/Choo Choo Swap Meet
May 24-28	Mule Days
June 10-16	CHSRA
July 11-15	Jr. Livestock Show & Auction
July 21-22	Eastern Sierra Music Festival
Aug. 31-Sept. 3	Tri County Fair
Oct. 7-8	Fall Colors Car Show
Oct. 7	Laws Swap Meet
Oct. 13-15	Ventura Motorcycle Club Dual Sport
Oct. 20-22	Southwest Flyfishing
Nov. 7	Tri County Fairgrounds Craft Show

Tri County Fair

PARK-LIKE GROUNDS
Check out our website for events and rental information
www.tricountyfair.com
760-873-3588

Please check online at Bishoprvpark.com for black-out dates and reservations

BISHOP-AREA DINING

Grab a bite or quench your thirst at one of these great establishments – all members of the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau. For a map of eateries, see pages 74-75.

MAP	EATERY	NOTES
1	**11th Lane Café** 649 N. Main St., (760) 873-5777	Steaks, seafood, burgers, salads, bar. **Inside Back Alley Bowling Alley.**
2	**Aaron Schat's Roadhouse** 871 N. Main St., (760) 873-0000	Steaks, ribs, rotisserie chicken, burgers, sandwiches, salads, beer & wine
3	**Amigo's** 285 N. Main St., (760) 872-2189	Mexican food
4	**Astorga's** 2206 N. Sierra Hwy., (760) 872-3849	Mexican food. Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
5	**Bishop Burger Barn** 2675 W. Line St., (760) 920-6567	Locally grown grass fed beef and bison, veggie and turkey burgers on homemade buns. Homemade ice cream & shakes too.
6	**Bishop Country Club** South Hwy. 395, (760) 873-5828	Breakfast, sandwiches, burgers, wraps, salads, bar
7	**Bishop Looney Bean** 399-A N. Main St., (760) 873-3311	Artisan roasted coffees, specialty drinks, baked goods, sandwiches, salads.
8	**Black Sheep Coffee Shop & Café** 232 N. Main St., (760) 872-4142	Artisan roasted coffee, smoothies, bagels, sandwiches, quiche, soups
9	**Brown's Town Café & Country Store** South Hwy. 395, (760) 873-8522	Open March-November. Old-fashioned ice cream fountain, hot & cold sandwiches and homemade pies.
10	**Carl's Jr.** 768 N. Main St., (760) 873-4090	Burgers and much more
11	**El Pollo Loco** 785 N. Main St., (760) 875-1708	Chicken, salads, sides, drive-thru, dine in or on patio.
12	**El Ranchito** 281 N. Main St., (760) 873-7248	Mexican food and American food
13	**Erick Schat's Bakkery** 763 N. Main St., (760) 873-7156	Breads, pastries, cookies, sandwiches, salads, soups
14	**Great Basin Bakery** 275-D S. Main St., (760) 873-9828	Breads, cookies, bagels, sandwiches and wraps
15	**Holy Smoke Texas Style BBQ** 772 N. Main St., (760) 872-4227	BBQ ribs, brisket, chicken, pork and chili
16	**Imperial Gourmet** 785 N. Main St., (760) 872-1144	Chinese
17	**La Casita** 175 S. Main St., (760) 873-4828	Mexican restaurant and cantina
18	**Mad Dogs of Bishop** Downtown street vendor cart	Hot dogs, sausages, street tacos
19	**McDonald's** 562 N. Main St., (760) 872-1211	Locations in Bishop, Mammoth and Lone Pine
20	**McMurry's Sports Bar** 175 N. Main St., (760) 872-7171	6 HD Flat-screen TVs, shuffle board, darts, free Wi-Fi
21	**Meadow Farms Country Smokehouse** 2345 N. Sierra Hwy., (760) 873-5311	Jerky, smoked meats, deli

MAP	EATERY	NOTES
22	**Mountain Rambler Brewery** 186 S. Main St., (760) 920-7544	Diverse menu includes falafel, burgers, empanadas, salads and more.
23	**Perry's Italian Café** 789 N. Main St., Suite 100 (760) 872-7222	Authentic Italian cuisine. Lunch and dinner.
24	**Pizza Factory** 912 N. Main St., (760) 872-8888	Pizza, pasta, salad bar, dine in or delivery. Arcade.
25	**Pupfish Café** 124 S. Main St. (Inside Spellbinder Books) (442) 228-5100	Breakfast and lunch. Waffles, paninis, salads, fresh brewed coffee.
26	**Rusty's Saloon** 112 N. Main St., (760) 873-9066	Saloon, darts, pool tables
27	**Sage** 621 W. Line St., (760) 258-1344	Casual fine dining; steaks, seafood, pasta and daily specials.
28	**Thai Thai** 703 Airport Rd., (760) 872-2595	Traditional Thai lunch and dinner. American breakfast. Inside airport terminal building.
29	**Tu-Ka-Novie Restaurant** 2742 N. Sierra Highway (888) 3-PAIUTE	Breakfast, lunch and dinner inside Paiute Palace Casino
30	**Upper Crust Pizza Company** 1180 N. Main St., (760) 872-8153	Pizza, pasta, sandwiches, salads.
31	**The Village** 965 N. See Vee Lane, (760) 872-3101	Breakfast and lunch. Frittatas, French toast, sandwiches, burgers, salads.
32	**Whiskey Creek** 524 N. Main St., (760) 873-7777	Steaks, pasta, sandwiches, salads, full bar, patio dining, gift shop.
33	**Yamatani** 635 N. Main St., (760) 872-4801	Sushi and traditional Japanese fare. Full bar.

OUTSIDE OF BISHOP

See pages 40-41 for a greater area map of Bishop for the following listings:

EATERY	NOTES
Bishop Creek Lodge 2100 South Lake Rd., (760) 873-4484	Steaks, pasta, seafood, nightly specials in summer
Cardinal Village Resort 311 Cardinal Rd., (760) 873-4789	Breakfast and lunch
Fort Independence Travel Plaza 135 S. Highway 395, Independence (760) 878-2483	Burgers, sandwiches, salads, daily specials.
Frosty Chalet 500 N. Main St., Lone Pine, (760) 876-4237	Ice cream specialties, sandwiches, burgers, fries and much more
Lake Sabrina Boat Landing Café (760) 873-7425	Seasonal. Full breakfast and lunch with great views.
Parchers Resort South Fork Bishop Creek Canyon St. (760) 873-4177	Open summer & fall. Breakfast buffet on weekends. Picnics to go.
Restaurant at Convict Lake Resort 2000 Convict Lake Rd., (800) 992-2260	Eclectic Continental cuisine
Rock Creek Lakes Resort Rock Creek Canyon, (760) 935-4311	Breakfast and lunch. Known for great smoked meats and homemade desserts.
Rock Creek Lodge 85 Rock Creek Rd. Mammoth Lakes (877) 935-4170	Family style dining in summer. Ski, snowshoe or snowmobile to the lodge in winter for a unique dining experience.
Tom's Place Resort 8180 Crowley Lake Dr., (760) 935-4239	Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Café and bar.

CHAMBER MEMBER SHOPS & BOUTIQUES

Go for a little bit of retail therapy with local shops and boutiques. The businesses listed below are all members of the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau.

AUTOMOTIVE

Automobile Club of Southern California
187 W. Pine St.
(760) 873-2642

Bishop Automotive Center/ Bishop Creek Chevron
2392 N. Sierra Hwy.
(760) 873-4430
www.bishopauto.com

Bishop Auto Tech
555-A S. Main St.
(760) 258-0773

Bishop Ford
1440 N. Hwy. 6
(760) 873-4291

Bishop Gas & Mini Mart
586 N. Main St.
(760) 872-7084

Fort Independence Travel Center
35 N. Hwy 395, Independence
(760) 920-8061

Mr. K Automotive and Towing
175 Grove St.
(760) 873-7149

Perry Motors/Honda & Toyota
310 N. Main St.
(760) 873-4141

Steve's Auto & Truck Parts/NAPA
555 S. Main St.
(760) 873-7131

BOUTIQUES & SHOPS

Aerohead Cycles
312 N. Warren St.
(760) 873-4151
www.aeroheadcycles.com
Bicycle sales, service, repair and accessories

Alpine Signs/The 395 Store
263 S. Main St.
(760) 873-5078
www.alpinesigns.com
395 souvenir t-shirts, stickers, signs, license plate frames

Anne Marie's
336 N. Main St.
(760) 872-4433
Kitchen, bed and bath boutique

Bee Gee Beauty Supply
371 N. Main St.
(760) 873-8385
Beauty supply and salon

Bishop Nursery & Home Store
789 Home St.
(760) 873-7515
Plants, flowers, garden supplies, home décor

Chalfant Big Trees Farm
395 Hunter Ave., Chalfant
(760) 873-7129
www.chalfantbigtreesfarm.com
Garden plants and supplies

Cobwebs
307 S. Main St.
(760) 873-5161
cobwebsantiquesshop.com
Antiques and collectibles

Dwayne's Friendly Pharmacy
644 W. Line St.
(760) 872-2522
www.dwaynespharmacy.com
Hallmark and gift shop, jewelry, toys

Eastside Sports
224 N. Main St.
(760) 873-7520
www.eastsidesports.com
Clothing, shoes, gear for backcountry and mountaineering needs

Fendon's Furniture
175 E. Pine St.
(760) 873-4698
www.fendonsfurniture.com
Home furnishings, upholstery, home décor

Freeform Woodworking Studio
125 Whitney Alley
(760) 387-2671
www.freeformwoodworking.com
Gallery and working studio

GSC Off-Road Adventures
174-A S. Main St.
Side by side & ATV rentals

Healings
725 N. Barlow Lane
(760) 937-3391
Candles, lotions, teas, jewelry, accessories, gift baskets

Hi-Country Market
101 N. Main St., Big Pine
(760) 938-2067
Grocery, bait & tackle, hardware, fuel

High Country Lumber ACE Hardware Store
444 S. Main St.
(760) 873-5874
www.highcountrylumber.com

Home Lumber Company
1130 N. Main St.
(760) 873-6379
Building materials

Imagination Lab
621 W. Line St., Suite 204
(760) 872-2446
Art gallery, studio, workshops

IMAH Sierra Thrift Mall
371 S. Warren St.
imahstars.org
(760) 873-8668
Thrift store

Independent Project Press
186-A Willow St.
(760) 873-3600
www.independentprojectpress.com
Fine paper products letterpress printed by hand. Working press, gallery and retail store.

Inyo Council for the Arts
137 S. Main St.
(760) 873-8014
Art gallery & theater

Joseph's Bi-Rite Market
211 N. Main St.
(760) 873-6388
Groceries, deli, gift items

Kmart
1200 N. Main St.
(760) 872-7030
General merchandise

Main Street Trading Company
101 N. Main St.
(760) 873-7952
Souvenirs, t-shirts, jewelry & collectibles

Manor Market
3100 W. Line St.
(760) 873-4296
Groceries, organic and health foods, wine room, specialty beers

Meadow Farms Country Smokehouse
2345 N. Sierra Highway
(760) 873-5311
www.smokedmeats.com
World-famous jerky, bacon, ham and more

Mountain Light Gallery
106 S. Main St.
(760) 873-7700
www.mountainlight.com
Photo gallery, books, jewelry made by local artisans

Paint It Away
103 N. Main St.
(760) 920-7791
paintitawaybishop@gmail.com
Social art classes

Radio Shack/Sound Shoppe
1373 Rocking W Dr.
(760) 873-5991
Electronics, musical instruments, sound equipment, art and handcrafted items

Reagan's Sporting Goods
963 N. Main St.
(760) 872-3000
www.hunt-fish-sierra.com
Fishing, hunting, licenses and outdoor gear

Rite-Way Pool, Spa & Gifts
487 W. Line St.
(760) 873-7727
Spas, sales, service and supplies, gift items

Sage To Summit
312 N. Main St.
(760) 872-1756
www.sagetosummit.com
Shoes and clothing for outdoor enthusiasts

Salvation Army Thrift Store
1180 N. Main St.
(760) 872-6100
Thrift store

Smart & Final
1180 N. Main St.
(760) 873-7181
Grocery store

Spellbinder Books
124 S. Main St.
(760) 873-4511
etelos.org/spellbinder
Books, calendars, gifts and more

BOUTIQUES & SHOPS (continued)

Steven White Woodworking
336 Hammond St.
(760) 872-3828
stevenwhitewoodworking.com
Fine art furniture gallery & working studio

Tea Cozy Antiques & Collectibles
115 W. Line St.
(760) 937-2830
Fine teas, antiques, gifts

The Toggery
115 N. Main St.
(760) 872-3211
Authentic western apparel, boots, accessories

GUIDE SERVICES

Bishop Flyfishing Guide Service
(760) 387-2715
www.bishopflyfishing.com

Sierra Mountain Center
(760) 873-8526
www.sierramountaincenter.com

Sierra Mountain Guides
(760) 648-1122
www.sierramtnguides.com

REAL ESTATE

Coldwell Banker
370 W. Line St.
(760) 873-4264

Cottonwood Grove
789 N. Main St., Suite 240
(760) 662-7878

Eastern Sierra Realty
218 E. Line St.
(760) 873-4161

High Country Cedar Homes
Independent distributor of Lindal Cedar Homes
(888) 828-4868

Inyo-Mono Title Co.
873 N. Main St.
(760) 872-4741

Owens Valley Realty
306 W. Line St.
(760) 873-7109

Pleasant Valley Associates
187 W. Line St.
(760) 873-7826

Tumbleweed Manufactured Homes
www.tumbleweedmh.com
(800) 233-7803

RV RENTALS, REPAIRS & SERVICE

Adventure in Camping Trailer Rentals
adventureincamping.com
(760) 935-4890

Doug's RV Storage
640 S. Main St.
(760) 873-4231

Eastern Sierra Propane
107 Sunland Reservation Rd.
(760) 872-2955

Fairgrounds RV Storage
www.tricountyfair.com
(760) 873-3588

WEDDINGS & SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES

Amy Leist Photography
(502) 759-1132

Bishop Country Club
1200 U.S. 395
(760) 873-5828
bishopcountryclub.com

Bishop Elks Lodge
151 E. Line St.
(760) 873-3221

Calvary Baptist Church
1100 W. Line St.
(760) 872-8136

Calvary Chapel
125 S. Main St.
(760) 872-4225

Church of Religious Science
129 E. Line St.
(760) 873-4195

Classy Cowgirl Caterers
3115 W. Line St.
(760) 872-2292

Convict Lake Resort
2000 Convict Lake Rd., Mammoth Lakes
(760) 934-3800

Eastern Sierra Entertainment Services
(661) 674-7151
www.avspecialevents.com

First United Methodist Church
205 N. Fowler St.
(760) 872-7701

Hidden Creeks Ranch
Reata Rd.
(760) 873-7750

Holy Smoke Texas BBQ Catering
772 N. Main St.
(760) 872-4227

Home Town Catering
771 N. Main Street, #104
(760) 872-4034

The Honey Bee Photography
48 Running Iron Rd.
(760) 872-4015

Our Savior Lutheran Church
162 Sneden St.
(760) 873-6589

Pintail Imaging Personalized Items
(760) 937-4971

The River Church
(760) 872-4618
www.riverchurchbishop.com

Skandar Productions Videography
407 W. Line St., #3
(760) 920-2446

Tri-County Fairgrounds
(760) 873-3588
www.tricountyfair.com

VFW Post #8988
484 Short St.
(760) 873-5770

OTHER SERVICES

Air-Way Medical
437 E. Line St.
(760) 872-1117
Home health care products

Alex Printing
163 N. Main St.
(760) 873-8650
www.alexprint.com
Printing services

Auto Club of Southern California
187 W. Pine St.
(760) 872-8241
Insurance, travel services

Bishop Veterinary Hospital
1650 N. Sierra Hwy.
(760) 258-1338
www.bishopveterinaryhospital.com

BizShip
475 W. Line St., Suite A
(760) 258-1338
Authorized FedEx Shipping

Community Printing
187 W. Line St.
(760) 873-3049
Printing, publishing

Healings
725 N. Barlow Lane
(760) 937-3391
Therapeutic, holistic massage

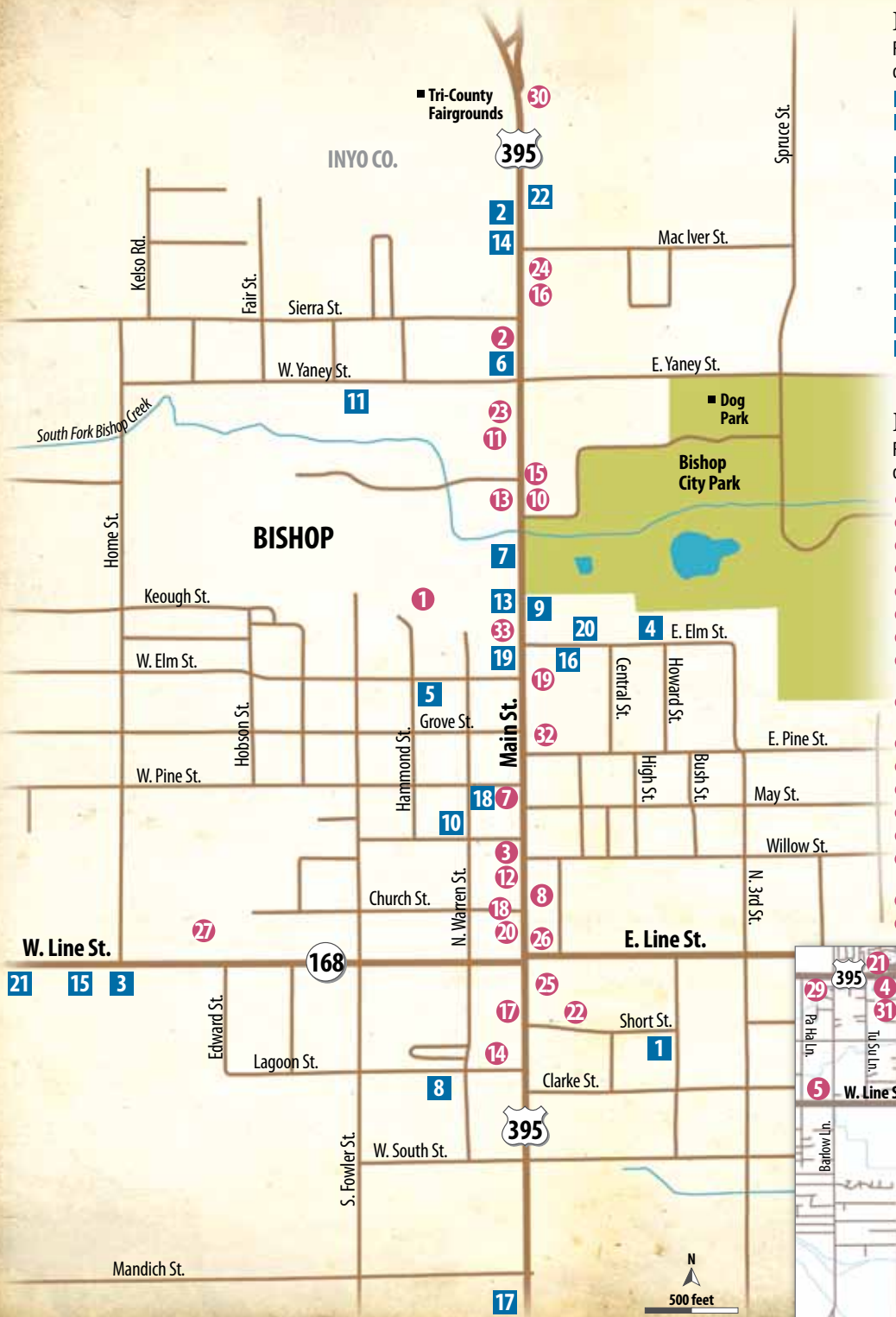
In the Zone Massage Therapy
407 W. Line St., #7
(760) 937-7636
Certified massage therapist

Lone Pine Pheasant Club
(760) 876-4590
www.lonepinepheasantclub.com

Northern Inyo Hospital
150 Pioneer Ln.
(760) 873-5811

Pioneer Home Health Care
363 Academy St.
(760) 872-4663

DOWNTOWN BISHOP MAP



LODGING

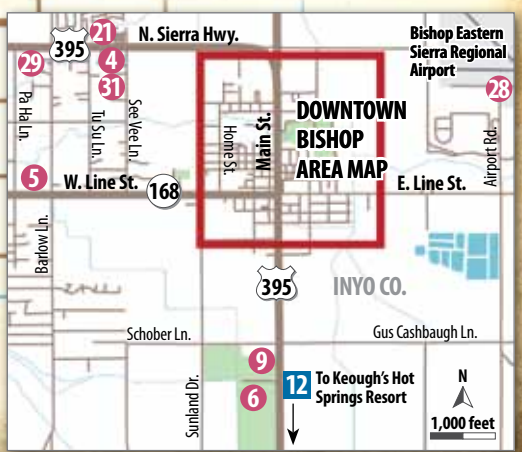
For a complete listing of hotels, motels and inns in downtown Bishop, see pages 64-65.

1. America's Best Value Inn
2. Best Western Bishop Lodge
3. Bishop Days Inn
4. Bishop Elms Motel
5. Bishop Village Motel
6. Comfort Inn
7. Creekside Inn
8. El Rancho Motel
9. Holiday Inn Express
10. The Hostel California
11. Joseph House Inn Bed & Breakfast
12. Keough's Hot Springs Resort
13. La Quinta Inn & Suites
14. Motel 6
15. Mountain View Motel
16. Red Roof Inn
17. Super 8 Motel
18. Thunderbird Motel
19. Townhouse Motel
20. Travelodge
21. Trees Motel
22. Vagabond Inn

DINING

For a complete listing of restaurants in Bishop, see the dining guide on pages 70-71.

1. 11th Lane Café
2. Aaron Schat's Roadhouse
3. Amigo's
4. Astorga's
5. Bishop Burger Barn
6. Bishop Country Club
7. Bishop Looney Bean
8. Black Sheep Coffee Shop & Café
9. Browns Town Café & Country Store
10. Carl's Jr.
11. El Pollo Loco
12. El Ranchito
13. Erick Schat's Bakkery
14. Great Basin Bakery
15. Holy Smoke Texas Style BBQ
16. Imperial Gourmet
17. La Casita
18. Mad Dogs of Bishop
19. McDonald's
20. McMurry's Sports Bar
21. Meadow Farms Country Smokehouse
22. Mountain Rambler Brewery
23. Perry's Italian Café
24. Pizza Factory
25. Pupfish Café
26. Rusty's Saloon
27. Sage
28. Thai Thai
29. Tu-Ka-Novie Restaurant
30. Upper Crust Pizza Company
31. The Village
32. Whiskey Creek
33. Yamatani



LOCAL ACTIVITIES & OUTDOOR RECREATION

When looking for adventures and things to do in the Bishop area, consider the following:

PARTIAL OR HALF-DAY ACTIVITIES

√	ACTIVITY	HOW TO GET THERE
❑	**Laws Railroad Museum**	Take Hwy. 6 at the north end of Bishop and go 6 miles north. The museum is located on the east side of the highway.
❑	**Biking**	Follow E. Line St. or another road east of town to the Owens River.
❑	**Fishing**	Follow E. Line St. or another road east of town to the Owens River.
❑	**Walking Tour of Murals and Galleries**	Visit the Bishop Visitors Bureau or www.bishopvisitor.com for a map of a walking tour of 14 striking murals plus five extraordinary galleries.
❑	**Motor Touring**	Bishop Creek to the Volcanic Tablelands plus more. Pick up your Motor Touring Guide at the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau or **visit www.bishopvisitor.com.**
❑	**Birding**	Wonderful birding locations. Start at the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau on Main Street located at Bishop City Park. Pick up your Birding Guide today.
❑	**Golf**	18-hole golf course open year-round at Bishop Country Club on Hwy. 395 at the south end of Bishop. For tee time and more information, call (760) 875-5411.
❑	**Photography**	Watch the sunset or explore the natural beauty of the Bishop area. Best photo times are early morning and just before sunset. Visit our galleries for inspiration!

ONE-DAY ACTIVITIES + ANY OF THE ABOVE

√	ACTIVITY	HOW TO GET THERE
❑	**Rock Climbing, Hiking, Mountain Biking or Exploring in the Buttermilks**	Go west on Hwy. 168 from downtown Bishop 13 miles to the Buttermilks off of Buttermilk Rd.
❑	**Rock Climbing at the Happy Boulders or Sad Boulders**	Go north from Bishop to the Volcanic Tablelands via Hwy. 6 or take the Pleasant Valley Reservoir Rd. off Hwy. 395. Climbers' paradise awaits.
❑	**Fishing and Hiking the Lakes Along Bishop Creek**	Go west on Hwy. 168 from downtown Bishop 16 miles to Bishop Creek Canyon. Beautiful lakes, streams and majestic scenery galore.
❑	**Hot Springs and Massage**	Head south on Hwy. 395 from Bishop to Keough's Hot Springs.
❑	**Horseback Riding**	Take a ride and see the great Eastern Sierra on horseback. See page 28 for more information.
❑	**Motor Touring**	Pick up your Motor Touring Guide at the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau or visit www.bishopvisitor.com. For more information, call (888) 395-3952.

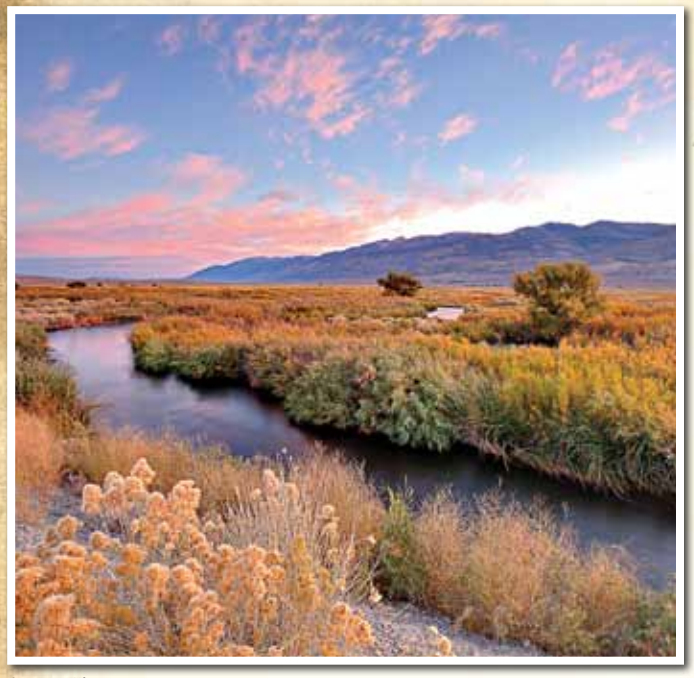
Bird in flight Photo by G. Conner

TWO-DAY ACTIVITIES + ANY OF THE ABOVE

√	ACTIVITY	HOW TO GET THERE
❑	**Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest**	From Bishop, go south on Hwy. 395 for 15 miles. Take Hwy. 168 east at Big Pine for 26 miles.
❑	**Year-round Fishing on the Lower Owens River and Pleasant Valley Reservoir**	Travel north of Bishop to the lower Owens River. For more information, see map on page 40.
❑	**Dining**	Select from our fine selection of dining locations. For a listing of restaurants, see page 69.
❑	**Antiques and History**	Shop the many antique stores and read about the history of Bishop at local bookstores. For more information, visit www.bishopvisitor.com.
❑	**Camping**	Fantastic high-country and winter valley locations for your camping adventures.
❑	**Pack Trip**	Spend a couple of days or more for an adventure of a lifetime in the backcountry. For more information, see page 16.

THREE-DAY OR MULTI-DAY ACTIVITIES + ANY OF THE ABOVE

√	ACTIVITY	HOW TO GET THERE
❑	**Bishop Creek Canyon**	Go west on Hwy. 168 from downtown Bishop and drive 16 miles to beautiful high-country adventures.
❑	**Petroglyphs**	Get a map of petroglyph sites from the White Mountain Ranger District Station to see historic ancient art. Pack a lunch and enjoy the day.
❑	**Lower Owens River**	Fish, float or photograph the scenic river.
❑	**Rock Creek Canyon**	Spectacular mountain setting and outdoor recreation area.
❑	**Manzanar National Historic Site**	Historical World War II Japanese Internment camp 50 minutes south of Bishop off Hwy. 395.
❑	**Rainbow Falls**	Beautiful mountain waterfalls 50 minutes north of Bishop.
❑	**Eastern California Museum**	The cultural mecca of the east side of California. Located in Independence 47 miles south of Bishop.



Owens River Photo by David Wolfe

COME AGAIN!

The Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau thanks you for visiting our beautiful region. It is our goal to help every visitor make the most of their Eastern Sierra experience and we hope that you find the information in this brochure useful.

We understand that you have many options when it comes to selecting the right place for your vacation or business travel, and we sincerely thank you for choosing Bishop! We hope you'll return often and refer your friends and family!

If you need more information, please feel free to contact us any time by phone (760) 873-8405, online www.bishopvisitor.com or drop in to say "Hi" at 690 N. Main Street in Bishop.

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