

2016

# BISHOP AREA VACATION PLANNER

Big Pine, Independence, Lone Pine and Beyond



**Bishop Area Chamber of  
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Bishop City Lights

Photo by Madi Taylor

# WELCOME

## Small Town with a Big Backyard

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!



Bishop's visitors center

Photo courtesy The Inyo Register

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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](http://www.dot.ca.gov).

For information on road conditions in Nevada, call (877) NV-ROADS (687-6237) or visit [www.nevadadot.com](http://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	DESTINATION	MILES
Bakersfield	217	Lone Pine	57
Benton	33	Los Angeles	270
Big Pine	15	Mammoth Lakes	43
Bishop Creek Canyon	15	Reno	202
Bodie	89	Sacramento via Tioga Pass	278
Carson City	160	San Diego	355
Death Valley	165	San Francisco via Tioga Pass	332
Fresno via Bakersfield	334	San Francisco via Hwy. 50	395
Fresno via Tioga Pass	236	Santa Barbara	314
Hawthorne, Nev.	123	Walker	121
Independence	42	Yosemite via Tioga Pass	140
June Lake Loop	57	Yosemite via Sonora Pass	261
Las Vegas	259	Yosemite via Monitor Pass	345
Lee Vining	62	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 Film History Museum, Manzanar Historic Site, Eastern California Museum and Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery along the way.



Photo by Tony Rowell

## Bishop Sign and Stars

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## 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 a short while 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.



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

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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

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### 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](mailto:info@lonepinechamber.org) • [www.lonepinechamber.org](http://www.lonepinechamber.org)

### Death Valley Chamber of Commerce

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## 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 or the exquisite natural beauty of the Volcanic Tableland – the choice is yours. Seek the adventure of a lifetime!

## 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](http://www.easternsierrabirdingtrail.org) for an online map of excellent bird viewing in the region.



**We Own the Night**

Photo by Madi Taylor

## 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.

An advertisement for Millpond Equestrian Center. The ad features a circular logo on the left with the text "MILLPOND EQUESTRIAN CENTER" and "BISHOP, CALIFORNIA". The main headline reads "Why leave your Horse at Home?". Below this, it says "Millpond Equestrian Center, Bishop CA" and "Boarding • Training • Events". There are three small inset photos showing people riding horses. At the bottom, the website "www.MillpondEquestrian.net" is listed, along with the phone number "760-873-6037" and "Millpond Campground • RV's/Tents right next door".

## 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.

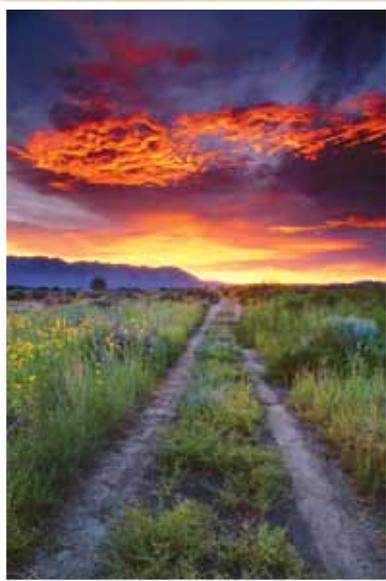


Photo by Galen Rowell/Mountain Light Gallery

### Back road through the Owens Valley, near Bishop, 2001



Rhino riders enjoy a view of the Sierra Crest. Photo courtesy of GSC Off-Road Adventures

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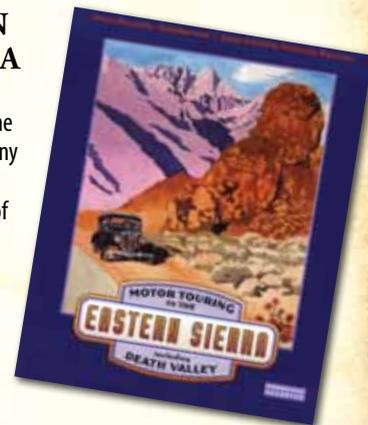


Tony Rowell Rides Buttermilk Loop Trail

Photo by Tony Rowell

## MOTOR TOURING 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, "Motor Touring the Eastern Sierra and Death Valley." You can pick up the book at the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce Visitors Bureau on Main Street at Bishop City Park.

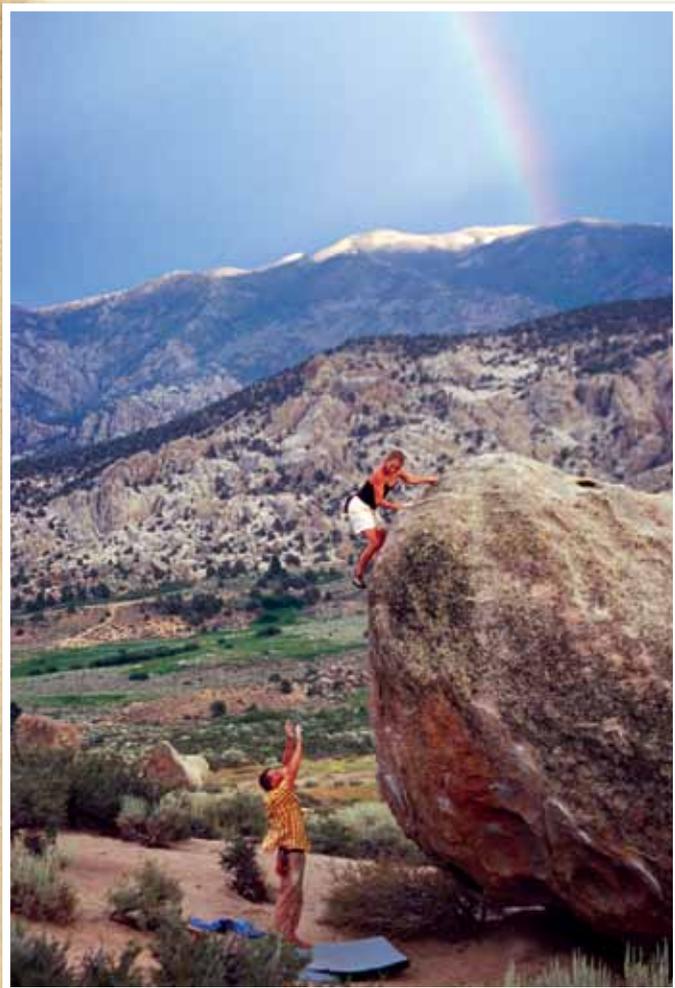


A Jeep tours the back roads of the Eastern Sierra.

Gary Young Photography

## 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](http://www.eastsidesports.com) or [www.sierramountaincenter.com](http://www.sierramountaincenter.com).



**Night Climbing in the Buttermilks**

Photo by Madi Taylor

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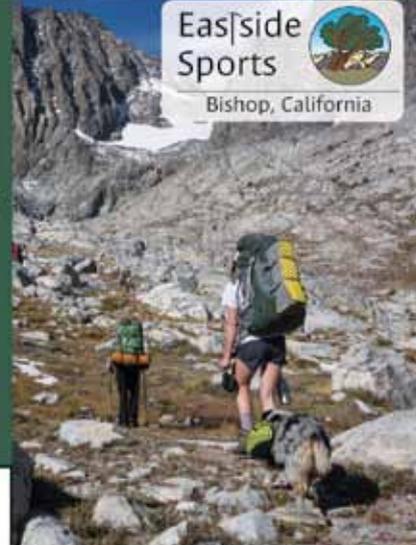




Photo by Galen Rowell/Mountain Light Gallery

### 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 get away. 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.

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](http://www.bishopvisitor.com) to see current calendar of events.



Arrest

Photo by Mike McDermott

## ART & PHOTO GALLERIES

Be sure to visit these Chamber-member art galleries.

### Coons Gallery

2399 N. Sierra Highway, Bishop • (760) 872-1584 • [www.coonsgallery.com](http://www.coonsgallery.com)

One of California's oldest galleries and the oldest operating art gallery and studio in the Eastern Sierra.

### The Imagination Lab

621 W. Line Street, Bishop • (760) 872-2446

Creative workshops and gallery.

### Independent Project Press

186-A Willow St., Bishop • (760) 873-3600 • [www.independentprojectpress.com](http://www.independentprojectpress.com)

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### Inyo Council for the Arts

137 S. Main St., Bishop • (760) 873-8014 • [www.inyo.org](http://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](http://www.mountainlight.com)

World-class gallery features works of renowned wilderness photographer Galen Rowell, plus guest artists, workshops, books, calendars and gifts.

## 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](http://www.paiutepalace.com)

Enjoy round-the-clock gaming with 300+ slot machines, live poker and blackjack tables. Grab a bite at the Tu-Ka-Nowie Restaurant. Conveniently located just three miles north of downtown Bishop on Hwy. 395.



A wintery scene at the Bishop Country Club golf course

Gary Young Photography

## 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

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Enjoy a round of golf in the Eastern Sierra.



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.



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.



**Lake Sabrina**

Gary Young Photography

## 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.



**Fisherman and Sierra Wave Cloud, Owens River**

Photo by Tony Rowell

## 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, 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 have recently been restored by volunteers that 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.

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**Tri-County Fairgrounds  
Bishop, CALIFORNIA**

**HORSEBACK RIDING & PACK TRIPS**



**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.

**BISHOP PACK  
OUTFITTERS**



**Custom Pack Trips &  
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Sabrina Basin  
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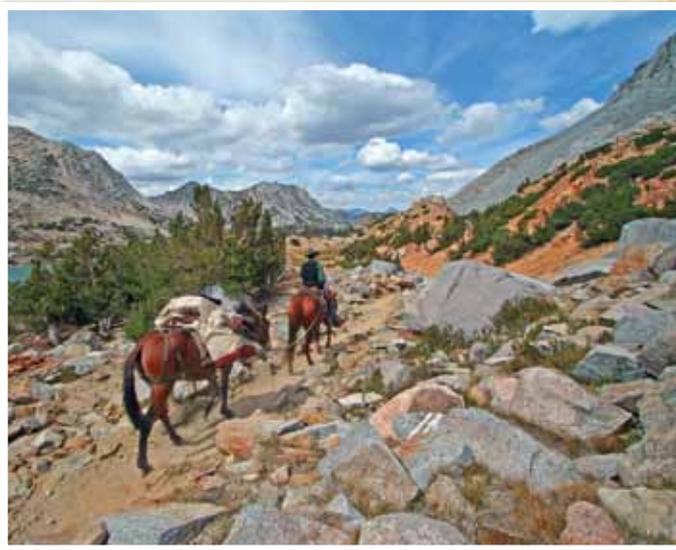
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Mustangs Beneath the Moon, Montgomery Pass, White Mountains, 2001

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Owens River Sunset

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**Meteor Reflection in Eastern Sierra**

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“ 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.*

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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 & 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.



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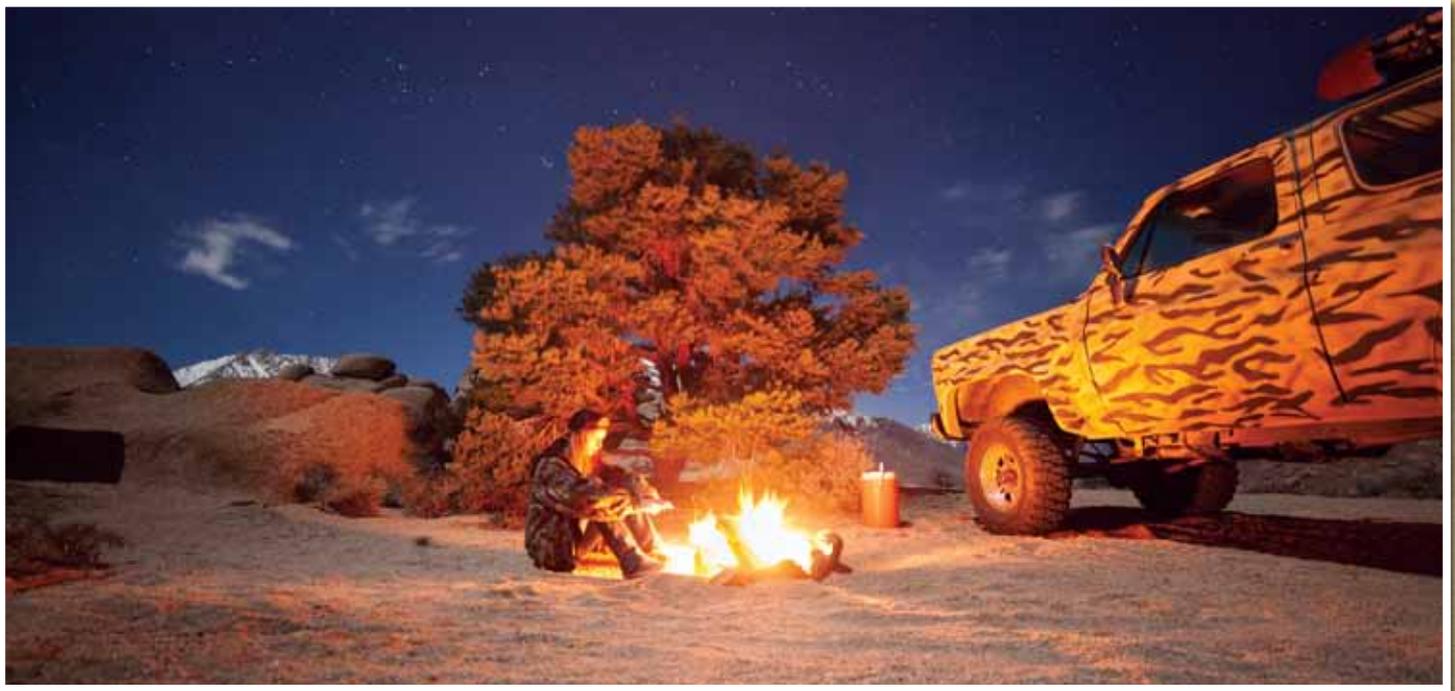
Much more than a railroad museum, with 13 acres of exhibits including 25 buildings on display, the Laws Railroad Museum features outdoor exhibits including farming, mining and railroad equipment. Open all year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation. Located four miles northeast of Bishop on Hwy. 6. For more information, call the Laws Railroad Museum at (760) 873-5950 or visit [www.lawmuseum.org](http://www.lawmuseum.org).

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A Night in the Buttermilks

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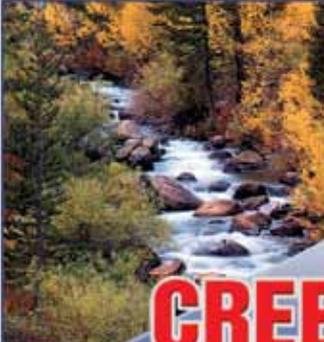
## OUTDOOR SLUMBER

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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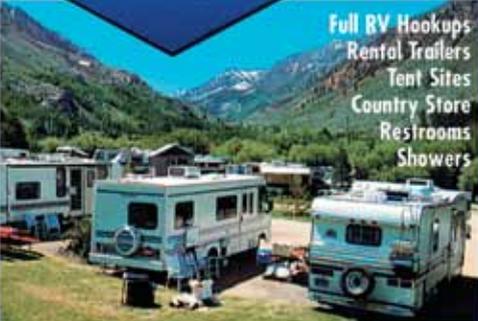
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## CAMPGROUNDS

### 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

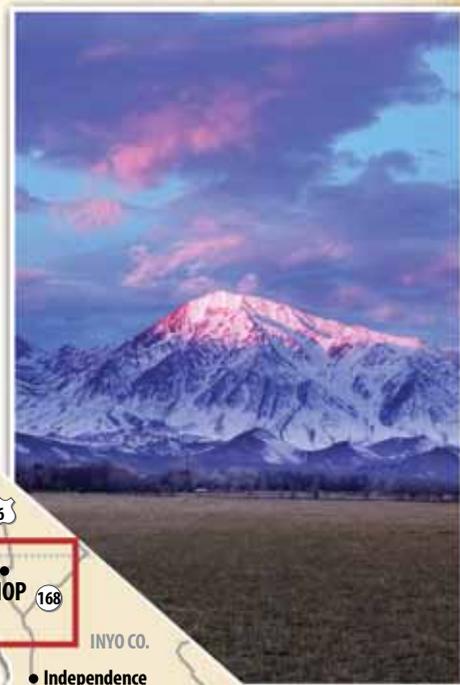
MAP	CAMPGROUND	# OF SITES	FEE	SEASON	TELEPHONE	NOTES
1	Aspen*	1	\$70	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
2	Big Meadow	11	\$22	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
3	East Fork	133	\$22	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
4	French Camp	86	\$22	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
5	Holiday†	35	\$0	Open in Winter	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
6	Iris Meadow	14	\$22	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
7	Mosquito Flat Trailhead**	10	\$0	June-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Handicap accessible
8	Palisade (Group)	5	\$70	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets
9	Pine Grove	11	\$22	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets
10	Rock Creek Lake	28	\$22	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
10	Rock Creek Lake*	1	\$70	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
11	Tuff	34	\$20	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets
12	Upper Pine Grove	8	\$22	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets, Handicap accessible

#### BISHOP AREA

CAMPGROUND	# OF SITES	FEE	SEASON	TELEPHONE	NOTES	
13	Big Trees	16	\$23	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
14	Bishop Park	21	\$23	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
	Bishop Park*	1	\$70	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
15	Bitterbrush	30	\$23	Year-round	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets
16	Brown's Town	150	\$28-\$33	March-Nov.	(760) 873-8522	RV, U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
17	Creekside RV Park	49	\$35-\$48	April-Oct.	(760) 873-4483	RV, U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
18	Forks	21	\$23	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
19	Four Jeffrey	106	\$23	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Handicap accessible
20	Highlands RV Park	103	\$40+	Year-round	(760) 873-7616	RV, U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
21	Horton Creek	49	\$5	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
22	Intake II**	8	\$23	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
	Intake II Upper	5	\$23	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
23	J Diamond	18	\$15-\$35	Year-round	(760) 872-7341	RV, U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
24	Keough's Hot Springs	10	\$28-\$33	Year-round	(760) 872-4670	RV, U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
25	Brown's Millpond	70	\$25-\$30	March-Nov.	(760) 873-5342	RV, U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
26	Mountain Glen	5	\$20	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets
27	North Lake	11	\$23	June-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets
28	Paiute Palace Casino RV Lot	25	\$10	Year-round	(760) 873-4150	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
29	Parchers Resort	3	\$57	May-Oct.	(760) 873-4177	RV, U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
30	Pleasant Valley	200	\$10	Year-round	N/A	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
31	Pleasant Valley Pit	75	\$2	Nov.-May	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Bureau of Land Management
32	Shady Rest Trailer Park	15	\$30+	Year-round	(760) 873-3430	RV, U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
33	Sabrina	18	\$23	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets
34	Table Mountain*	1	\$70	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets
35	Tri-County Fairgrounds	42	\$25	Year-round	(760) 873-3588	RV, U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
36	Willow	7	\$22	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets

## CAMPGROUNDS

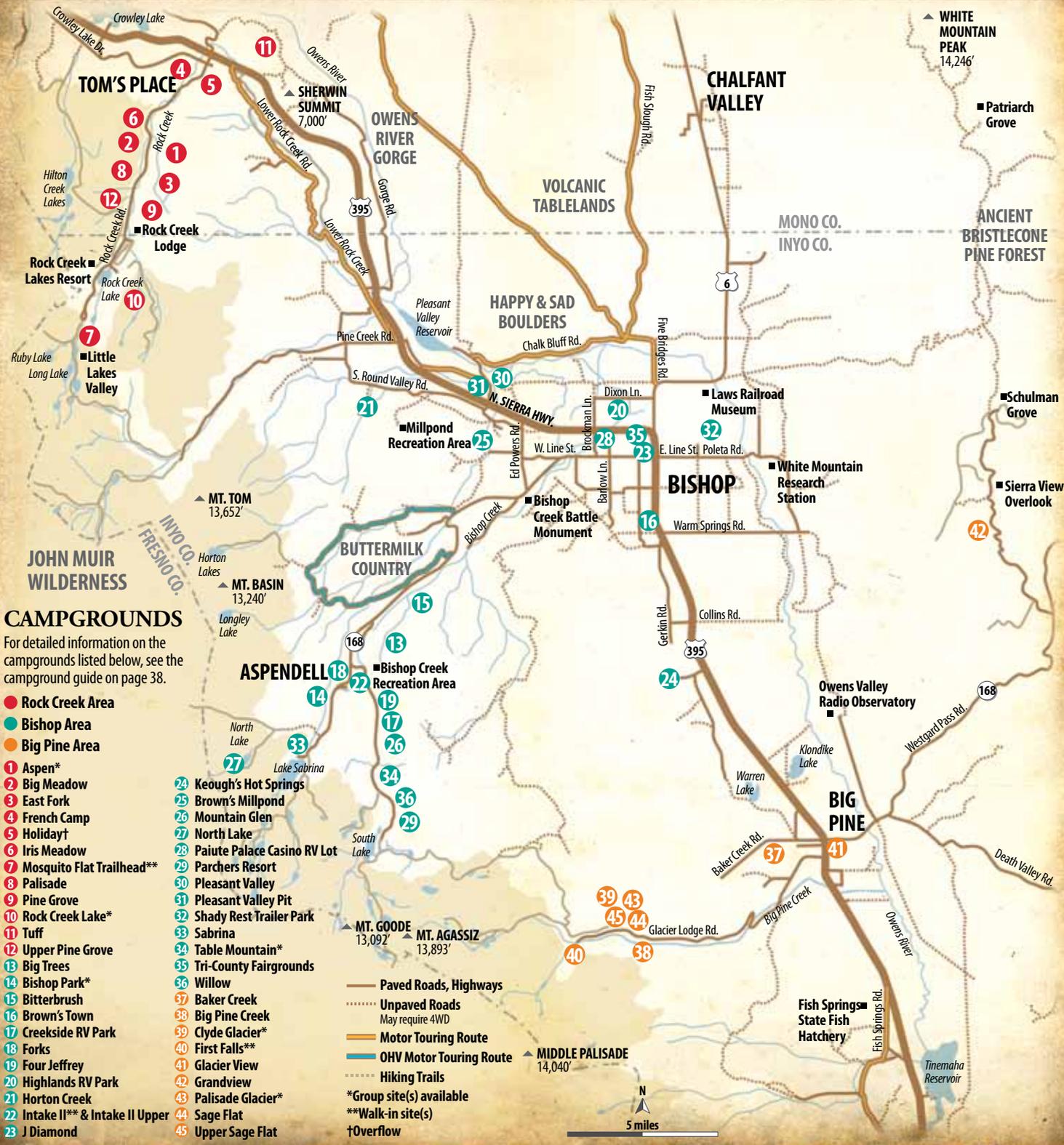
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- No water
- Flush toilets
- Wilderness Permit required
- Handicap accessible
- Vault toilets



**Sunrise**  
Gary Young  
Photography

#### BIG PINE AREA

MAP	CAMPGROUND	# OF SITES	FEE	SEASON	TELEPHONE	NOTES
37	Baker Creek	70	\$10	Year-round	N/A	Vault toilets
38	Big Pine Creek	30	\$22	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
39	Clyde Glacier*	1	\$70	June-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
40	First Falls**	5	\$0	May-Sept.	N/A	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
41	Glacier View	40	\$15-\$20	Year-round	(760) 872-6911	RV, U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
42	Grandview	23	Donation	April-Nov.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets
43	Palisade Glacier*	1	\$70	May-Sept.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required, Vault toilets
44	Sage Flat	28	\$22	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required
45	Upper Sage Flat	20	\$22	May-Oct.	(760) 873-2500	U.S. Forest Service, Tents only, No water, Flush toilets, Wilderness Permit required



**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 I\*\* & 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 First Falls\*\*
- 41 Glacier View
- 42 Grandview
- 43 Palisade Glacier\*
- 44 Sage Flat
- 45 Upper Sage Flat

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- OHV Motor Touring Route
- ..... Hiking Trails
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- †Overflow



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.



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**Fall colors on a stormy day**

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## FALL COLORS

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Cloud Cover over the Eastern Sierra

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Lenticular clouds reflected in a pond near Bishop

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Sunset over Bishop

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Eastern Sierra Sunrise Over Bishop, Owens Valley, 2001

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**Wild Iris at Dawn, Bishop, 2001**

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**Chickenfoot Lake**

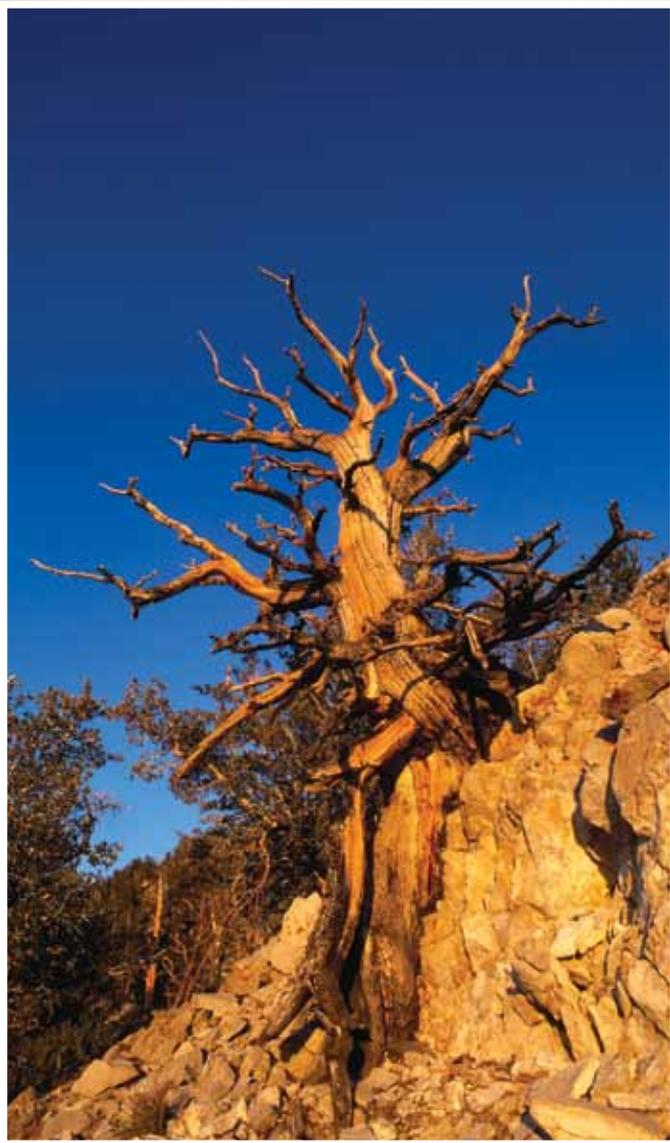
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Bristlecone at Sunrise

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 Visitors 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.

### Please Remember...

*Campfire Permits are required on public lands outside of developed campgrounds. Please check with one of the following locations for permits and information on current fire restrictions.*

*Inyo National Forest: (760) 873-2408*

*Bureau of Land Management: (760) 872-5000*

*CALFIRE: (760) 387-2179*

*[www.fs.usda.gov/inyo](http://www.fs.usda.gov/inyo)*

*Take a short test and get your campfire permit online at [preventwildfire.ca.gov](http://preventwildfire.ca.gov)*

*Also please drown, stir and carefully feel your fire for heat before leaving it!*





**El Capitan, Yosemite**

Photo by Tony Rowell



**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](http://www.yosemitepark.com). For road conditions/closures, visit [www.dot.ca.gov](http://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](http://www.bridgeportcalifornia.com).

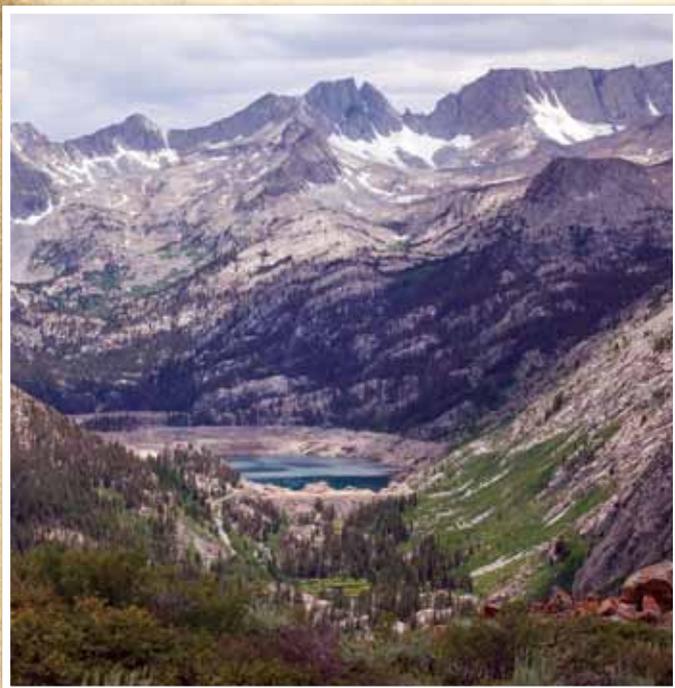


**Bodie Rainbow**

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.



South Lake from a New Perspective

Photo by Madi Taylor



Lembert Dome Sunset, Yosemite

Photo by Tony Rowell

### 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.

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[www.inyocounty.us/ecmuseum](http://www.inyocounty.us/ecmuseum)



Moonlight on Lone Pine Peak

Photo by Tony Rowell

### 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](http://www.recreation.gov).



Badwater

Photo by Barbara Steinberg

## 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

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, movie stars 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 Beverly and Jim Rogers Museum of Lone Pine 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](http://www.deathvalleychamber.org).

## BISHOP-AREA EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Visit [www.bishopvisitor.com](http://www.bishopvisitor.com) for updated event information and happenings in the area.

### JANUARY

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Month-long	<b>Enjoy Year-Round Trout Fishing on the Beautiful Owens River and at Pleasant Valley Reservoir</b> Fishing season never closes in Bishop!
Jan. 4	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
Jan. 9	<b>Eastern Sierra Audubon COSA Bird Walk</b> Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. All welcome – For birders of all levels. Contact <a href="mailto:info@esaudubon.org">info@esaudubon.org</a> for more information.
Jan. 12	<b>Ethan Bortnick Live in Concert</b> 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 <a href="http://bishopcca.org">bishopcca.org</a> .
Jan. 16	<b>Bishop Motocross Race at Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop</b> \$10 admission/ \$5 for 12 and under. Gates open at 7 a.m. <a href="http://www.bishopmotocross.com">www.bishopmotocross.com</a> .

### FEBRUARY

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Month-long	<b>Enjoy Year-Round Trout Fishing on the Beautiful Owens River and at Pleasant Valley Reservoir</b> Fishing season never closes in Bishop!
Feb. 1	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
Feb. 13	<b>Bishop Motocross Race at Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop</b> \$10 admission/ \$5 for 12 and under. Gates open at 7 a.m. <a href="http://www.bishopmotocross.com">www.bishopmotocross.com</a> .
Feb. 13	<b>Eastern Sierra Audubon COSA Bird Walk</b> Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. All welcome – For birders of all levels. Contact <a href="mailto:info@esaudubon.org">info@esaudubon.org</a> for more information.

### MARCH

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Month-long	<b>Enjoy Year-Round Trout Fishing on the Beautiful Owens River and at Pleasant Valley Reservoir</b> Fishing season never closes in Bishop!
March 5	<b>Early Opener Trout Derby</b> Diaz Lake, Lone Pine. Prizes for kids and adults. Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce, (760) 876-4444 or <a href="http://www.lonepinechamber.org">www.lonepinechamber.org</a> .
March 7	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
March 12	<b>Blake Jones Trout Derby</b> Pleasant Valley Reservoir Bishop. Win float tubes, rods and reels, fishing tackle – tons of fishing gear. Prize categories include Blind Bogey, Biggest Trout, and a Big Cash drawing. Pre-register by mail or at the reservoir the day of the derby. 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 <a href="http://www.bishopvisitor.com">www.bishopvisitor.com</a> .
March 12	<b>Bishop Motocross Race at Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop</b> \$10 admission/ \$5 for 12 and under. Gates open at 7 a.m. <a href="http://www.bishopmotocross.com">www.bishopmotocross.com</a> .
March 12	<b>Eastern Sierra Audubon COSA Bird Walk</b> Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. All welcome – For birders of all levels. Contact <a href="mailto:info@esaudubon.org">info@esaudubon.org</a> for more information.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
March 25-26	<b>Banff Mountain Film Festival</b> Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. Contact Inyo Council for the Arts, (760) 873-8014. <a href="http://www.inyo.org">www.inyo.org</a>

### APRIL

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Month-long	<b>Enjoy Year-Round Trout Fishing on the Beautiful Owens River and at Pleasant Valley Reservoir</b> Fishing season never closes in Bishop!
April 4	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
April 9	<b>Eastern Sierra Audubon COSA Bird Walk</b> Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. All welcome – For birders of all levels. Contact <a href="mailto:info@esaudubon.org">info@esaudubon.org</a> for more information.
April 30	<b>Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage</b> 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 30	<b>Opening day for the General Trout Season in the Eastern High Sierra</b> All the lakes and streams throughout the region open to fishing just before sunrise.

### MAY

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
May 2	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
May 6	<b>Taste of the Sierra</b> 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. For more information, call (760) 873-8405.
May 6-7	<b>Home Show</b> Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop. See the latest and greatest products and services for your home. Free admission and free parking. Call (760) 873-3588 or visit <a href="http://www.tricountyfair.com">www.tricountyfair.com</a> .
May 7	<b>Choo Choo Swap Meet</b> Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop. Bishop's biggest semi-annual swap meet. Like 100 yard sales in one location. Proceeds benefit Laws Railroad Museum, (760) 873-5950.
May 7	<b>Wild West Marathon</b> 50K, 10-Mile & 3-Mile Fun Run. Contact Lone Pine Chamber at (760) 876-4444 or <a href="http://www.lonepinechamber.org">www.lonepinechamber.org</a> .
May 14	<b>Eastern Sierra Audubon COSA Bird Walk</b> Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. All welcome – For birders of all levels. Contact <a href="mailto:info@esaudubon.org">info@esaudubon.org</a> for more information.
May 24-29	<b>Mule Days Celebration</b> 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. For more information, call (760) 872-4263 or visit <a href="http://www.muledays.org">www.muledays.org</a> .
May 27-30	<b>Memorial Day Weekend Arts &amp; Crafts Show</b> 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, (760) 873-8014 or <a href="http://www.inyo.org">www.inyo.org</a> .

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
May 28-30	<b>Taatsawano Traditional Gathering</b> Native crafts, food booths, live music. Cultural performances, hand games and more. Family-friendly event. Paiute-Shoshone Indian Cultural Center. For more information, call 873-3584.
May 29	<b>Bishop Lions Club Pancake Breakfast</b> At the Bishop City Park, 7 a.m.

### JUNE

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
June 6	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
June 11	<b>Eastern Sierra Audubon COSA Bird Walk</b> Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. All welcome – For birders of all levels. Contact <a href="mailto:info@esaudubon.org">info@esaudubon.org</a> for more information.
June 14-17	<b>California High School Rodeo State Finals</b> Tri-County Fairgrounds, 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 be available at the gate. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.chsra.org">www.chsra.org</a> .
June 18	<b>Father's Day Fishing Derby</b> In Independence. "Blind Bogey" event so everybody has a chance to win! Prizes are awarded to both children and adults. For more information, call (760) 878-2037.

### JULY

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Saturdays	<b>Eastern Sierra Certified Farmers' Market</b> Mid-July through October. 9 a.m. Academy Street Parking Lot behind City Hall.
Mondays	<b>Bishop Community Band Concerts</b> 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	<b>Independence Celebration</b> With fireworks at Paiute Palace Casino.
July 4	<b>BIG Day in Bishop City Park</b> Free swimming, free softball tournament, free pie and ice cream, live entertainment and good old-fashioned fun for all.
July 4	<b>Fantastic Fireworks Show</b> Hosted by Bishop Volunteer Fire Department at Eastern Sierra Regional Airport. For more information, contact City of Bishop, (760) 873-5863.
July 5	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
July 9	<b>Eastern Sierra Audubon COSA Bird Walk</b> Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. All welcome – For birders of all levels. Contact <a href="mailto:info@esaudubon.org">info@esaudubon.org</a> for more information.
July 22-23	<b>Eastern Sierra Music Festival</b> Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop. Proceeds benefit National Wounded Warrior Center. (760) 784-1520. <a href="http://www.wmusicfest.org">www.wmusicfest.org</a> .

### AUGUST

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Saturdays	<b>Eastern Sierra Certified Farmers' Market</b> Mid-July through October. 9 a.m. Academy Street Parking Lot behind City Hall.
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST

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Aug. 1	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
Aug. 13	<b>Eastern Sierra Audubon COSA Bird Walk</b> Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. All welcome – For birders of all levels. Contact info@esaudubon.org for more information.

### SEPTEMBER

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Month-long	<b>Fall Colors in the Eastern Sierra</b> 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 September, early October in the canyon. Call for a free Fall Color Guide or visit <a href="http://www.bishopvisitor.com">www.bishopvisitor.com</a> .
Saturdays	<b>Eastern Sierra Certified Farmers' Market</b> Mid-July through October. 9 a.m. Academy Street Parking Lot behind City Hall.
Sept. 1-4	<b>Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair</b> 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, salsa contest, homebrewed beer and wine contest, carnival rides and games, rodeos, destruction derby, petting zoo, live music, strolling and stage acts, great food, vendors galore and so much more! For more information, call (760) 873-3588 or visit <a href="http://www.tricountyfair.com">www.tricountyfair.com</a> .
Sept. 2-5	<b>Labor Day Weekend Arts &amp; Crafts Show</b> In Bishop City Park. This annual show includes dozens of booths featuring art, photography, jewelry, weavings, wood carving & turning, ceramics, gourd art, clothing, food, and more. Friday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Monday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, contact Inyo Council for the Arts at (760) 873-8014 or <a href="http://www.inyo.org">www.inyo.org</a> .
Sept. 6	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
Sept. 10	<b>Good Ole Days</b> At Laws Railroad Museum. Free day at Laws with arts & crafts, demonstrations, food, games, music, train rides and the famous pie auction. For more information, call (760) 873-5950 or visit <a href="http://lawsmuseum.org">lawsmuseum.org</a> .
Sept. 10	<b>White Mountain Double Century Bike Race</b> Great ride with spectacular views. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.ndzone.com">www.ndzone.com</a> .
Sept. 10	<b>Eastern Sierra Audubon COSA Bird Walk</b> Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. All welcome – For birders of all levels. Contact info@esaudubon.org for more information.
Sept. 16-18	<b>Millpond Music Festival</b> 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 <a href="http://www.inyo.org">www.inyo.org</a> .
Sept. 22-25	<b>Annual Pow Wow &amp; California Native American Day Celebration</b> Parade, traditional dancing, hand games, arts & crafts, music, food and more. For more information, contact Paiute Palace Casino, (760) 873-4150 or visit <a href="http://www.paiutepalace.com">www.paiutepalace.com</a> .

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### OCTOBER

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Saturdays	<b>Eastern Sierra Certified Farmers' Market</b> Mid-July through October. 9 a.m. Academy Street Parking Lot behind City Hall.
Oct. 1-2	<b>Fall Colors Cruise and Car Show</b> Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop. Classic cars in a classic setting. Show & Shine, '50s-'60s Dance, Altrusa's Fine Art Show and Sale, Sweet Adelines host arts & crafts show and much, much more. Sponsored by the Owens Valley Cruisers Car Club. Visit <a href="http://www.owensvalleycruisers.com">www.owensvalleycruisers.com</a> .
Oct. 1	<b>Choo Choo Swap Meet</b> 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. 3	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
Oct. 7-9	<b>Annual Lone Pine Film Festival</b> 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.
Oct. 7-9	<b>VCMC Dual Sport Motorcycle Ride</b> Organized by Ventura County Motorcycle Club. Call (805) 857-2522 or visit <a href="http://www.venturacountymc.com">www.venturacountymc.com</a> .
Oct. 8	<b>Eastern Sierra Audubon COSA Bird Walk</b> Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. All welcome – For birders of all levels. Contact info@esaudubon.org for more information.
Oct 14-16	<b>SWCIFF Fly Fishing Faire</b> 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 <a href="http://www.southwestcouncilfff.org">www.southwestcouncilfff.org</a> .

### NOVEMBER

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Nov. 4-6	<b>Craggin' Classic Fall Highball</b> Clinics, demonstrations, films, guest speakers, gear vendors, fellowship and stewardship for climbers. <a href="http://www.cragginclassic.com">www.cragginclassic.com</a> .
Nov. 7	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
Nov. 12	<b>Eastern Sierra Audubon COSA Bird Walk</b> Meet at 8:30 a.m. at BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line St. All welcome – For birders of all levels. Contact info@esaudubon.org for more information.

### DECEMBER

DATE	EVENT/HAPPENING
Dec. 3	<b>Bishop Community Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting and Street of Lights Party</b> Main Street Parade starts at 5 p.m. Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. Stroll downtown from 6-9 p.m. to visit participating merchants. Have the map stamped for a chance to win \$500 cash. Organized by Bishop Chamber of Commerce (760)873-8405.
Dec. 5	<b>Owens Valley Radio Observatory Tour</b> 1-2 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Hodges (760) 938-2075, ext. 109.
Dec. 10	<b>Railroad Express at Laws Museum</b> Families enjoy train rides, live entertainment, crafts and activities, refreshments and visits with Santa.

**LODGING**

**LOCAL HOTELS, MOTELS & INNS**

- Pets OK
- Restaurant
- Bus Parking
- Airport Shuttle
- Pool
- RV Hook-ups
- Camping
- Wi-Fi/Internet
- Handicap Accessible
- Continental Breakfast
- Fish Cleaning & Storage
- Guest Laundry Facilities
- Kitchen/Kitchenette

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

MAP	HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
1	<b>America's Best Value Inn</b> 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	<b>Best Western Bishop Lodge</b> 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	<b>Bishop Days Inn</b> 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	<b>Bishop Elms Motel</b> 233 E. Elm St. (760) 873-8118 www.bishopelmsmotel.com	\$40-\$200		Peaceful sleep away from Main Street. BBQ and picnic area, next to Bishop City Park.
5	<b>Bishop Village Motel</b> 286 W. Elm St. (888) 668-5546, (760) 872-8155 www.bishopvillagemotel.com	\$69-\$165		Many different style rooms, new furnishings and flat screens with cable TV. Quiet, clean, centrally located and friendly.
6	<b>Comfort Inn</b> 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	<b>Creekside Inn</b> 725 N. Main St. (800) 273-3550, (760) 872-3044 www.bishopcreeksideinn.com	Call for rates		Free full hot breakfast, business center, high speed internet, refrigerators, AAA and senior discounts.
8	<b>Econo Lodge</b> 150 E. Elm St. (760) 873-3564 www.econolodge.com	Call for rates		Microwave, refrigerator, DirectTV.
9	<b>El Rancho Motel</b> 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.
10	<b>Holiday Inn Express</b> 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.
11	<b>The Hostel California</b> 213 Academy St. (760) 399-6316 www.thehostelcalifornia.com	\$20-\$80		Communal dorm rooms and private rooms available. Climbers and hikers welcome!

**LODGING**

**BISHOP**

MAP	HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
12	<b>Joseph House Inn Bed &amp; Breakfast</b> 376 W. Yaney St. (760) 872-3389, (760) 937-2103 www.josephhouseinn.com	\$148-\$178		King-/queen-sized beds, private baths, TV, VCR, fluent in Spanish, French, German, AAA.
13	<b>Keough's Hot Springs Resort</b> 800 Keough Hot Springs Rd. (760) 872-4670 www.keoughshotspings.com	\$90-\$140		Luxury tent cabins, modular retreat with fully equipped kitchen, BBQ and picnic areas.
14	<b>La Quinta Inn &amp; Suites</b> 651 N. Main St. (800) 753-3757, (760) 873-6380 laquintabishopmammothlakes.com	\$89-\$249		3-Diamond AAA, bedroom suites, microwave, refrigerator, iron, fitness room, AAA, senior discounts. Internet.
15	<b>Motel 6</b> 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.
16	<b>Mountain View Motel</b> 730 W. Line St. (760) 873-4242 www.thebestmotelever.com	Call for rates		Refrigerators, hair dryers in all rooms. Kitchen suites.
17	<b>Super 8 Motel</b> 535 S. Main St. (760) 872-1386 www.super8.com	\$55-\$85		Seasonal pool, free HBO/Disney, laundry, AAA, senior discounts.
18	<b>Thunderbird Motel</b> 190 W. Pine St. (760) 873-4215 bishopt thunderbirdmotel.com	Call for rates		In-room coffee maker, refrigerator, microwave, Cable TV. Smoking/non-smoking rooms available.
19	<b>Travelodge</b> 155 E. Elm St. (800) 525-4055, (760) 872-1771 www.travelodge.com	\$69.99 and up		Business Center
20	<b>Trees Motel</b> 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.
21	<b>Vagabond Inn</b> 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.

## LODGING

### HOTELS, MOTELS & INNS

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Pets OK	Restaurant	Bus Parking	Airport Shuttle
Pool	RV Hook-ups	Camping	Wi-Fi/Internet
Handicap Accessible	Continental Breakfast	Fish Cleaning & Storage	Guest Laundry Facilities
Kitchen/Kitchenette			

### BISHOP CREEK CANYON

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

### BIG PINE

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

### LONE PINE

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

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## LODGING

### BENTON

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

### CROWLEY LAKE, ROCK CREEK CANYON AND MAMMOTH LAKES

HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
<b>Convict Lake Resort</b> 2000 Convict Lake Rd. (800) 992-2260, (760) 934-3800 <a href="http://www.convictlake.com">www.convictlake.com</a>	Call for rates		Full-service resort open year-round, cabins/lodges for 2-34 people
<b>Rainbow Tarns B&amp;B</b> 505 Rainbow Tarns Rd. (888) 588-6269, (760) 935-4556 <a href="http://www.rainbowtarns.com">www.rainbowtarns.com</a>	\$110-\$155		Private baths, large great room with fire place, full breakfast, afternoon wind and snacks. Open seasonally April 1 through October 31.
<b>Rock Creek Lakes Resort</b> 1 Rock Creek Rd., Crowley Lake, CA (760) 935-4311 <a href="http://www.rockcreeklakesresort.com">www.rockcreeklakesresort.com</a>	\$180-\$380		Cabins, boat rentals, general store with propane available. Showers. Breakfast and lunch. Homemade pies. Kayak rentals.
<b>Rock Creek Lodge</b> 85 Rock Creek Rd. Mammoth Lakes, CA (760) 935-4170 <a href="http://www.rockcreeklodge.com">www.rockcreeklodge.com</a>	\$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.

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Handicap Accessible	Continental Breakfast	Fish Cleaning & Storage	Guest Laundry Facilities
Kitchen/Kitchenette			

### CROWLEY LAKE, ROCK CREEK CANYON AND MAMMOTH LAKES

HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
<b>Tom's Place Resort</b> 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.

### TONOPAH

HOTEL/INN	RATES	AMENITIES	NOTES
<b>Mizpah Hotel</b> 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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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	<b>11th Lane Café</b> 649 N. Main St. (760) 873-5777	Steaks, seafood, burgers, salads, bar. <b>Inside Back Alley Bowling Alley.</b>
2	<b>Aaron Schat's Roadhouse</b> 871 N. Main St. (760) 873-0000	Steaks, ribs, rotisserie chicken, burgers, sandwiches, salads, beer & wine
3	<b>Amigo's</b> 285 N. Main St. (760) 872-2189	Mexican food
4	<b>Astorga's</b> 2206 N. Sierra Hwy. (760) 872-3849	Mexican food. Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
5	<b>Bishop Burger Barn</b> 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	<b>Bishop Country Club</b> South Hwy. 395 (760) 873-5828	Breakfast, sandwiches, burgers, wraps, salads, bar
7	<b>Black Sheep Espresso Bar</b> 232 N. Main St. (760) 872-4142	Artisan roasted coffee, smoothies, bagels, sandwiches, quiche, soups
8	<b>Brown's Town Café &amp; Country Store</b> South Hwy. 395 (760) 873-8522	Open March–November. Old-fashioned ice cream fountain, hot & cold sandwiches and homemade pies.
9	<b>Carl's Jr.</b> 768 N. Main St. (760) 873-4090	Burgers and much more
10	<b>Denny's</b> 1014 N. Main St. (760) 873-5656	24-hour breakfast, lunch and dinner
11	<b>El Ranchito</b> 281 N. Main St. (760) 873-7248	Mexican food and American food
12	<b>Erick Schat's Bakkery</b> 763 N. Main St. (760) 873-7156	Breads, pastries, cookies, sandwiches, salads, soups
13	<b>Great Basin Bakery</b> 275-D S. Main St. (760) 873-9828	Breads, cookies, bagels, sandwiches and wraps
14	<b>Holy Smoke Texas Style BBQ</b> 772 N. Main St. (760) 872-4227	BBQ ribs, brisket, chicken, pork and chili
15	<b>Imperial Gourmet</b> 785 N. Main St. (760) 872-1144	Chinese
16	<b>La Casita</b> 175 S. Main St. (760) 873-4828	Mexican restaurant and cantina
17	<b>Bishop Looney Bean</b> 399-A N. Main St. (760) 873-3311	Artisan roasted coffees, specialty drinks, baked goods, sandwiches, salads.
18	<b>Mad Dogs of Bishop</b> Downtown street vendor cart	Hot dogs, sausages, street tacos
19	<b>McDonald's</b> 562 N. Main St. (760) 872-1211	Locations in Bishop, Mammoth and Lone Pine
20	<b>McMurry's Sports Bar</b> 175 N. Main St. (760) 872-7171	6 HD Flat-screen TVs, shuffle board, darts, free Wi-Fi
21	<b>Meadow Farms Country Smokehouse</b> 2345 N. Sierra Hwy. (760) 873-5311	Jerky, smoked meats, deli

MAP	EATERY	NOTES
22	<b>Mountain Rambler Brewing</b> 186 S. Main St. (760) 920-7544	Diverse menu includes falafel, burgers, empanadas, salads and more.
23	<b>Pizza Factory</b> 912 N. Main St. (760) 872-8888	Pizza, pasta, salad bar, dine in or delivery. Arcade.
24	<b>Rusty's Saloon</b> 112 N. Main St. (760) 873-9066	Saloon, darts, pool tables
25	<b>Sage</b> 621 W. Line St. (760) 258-1344	Casual fine dining; steaks, seafood, pasta and daily specials.
26	<b>Thai Thai</b> 703 Airport Rd. (760) 872-2595	Traditional Thai lunch and dinner. American breakfast. Inside airport terminal building.
27	<b>Tu-Ka-Nowie Restaurant</b> 2742 N. Sierra Highway (888) 3-PAIUTE	Breakfast, lunch and dinner inside Paiute Palace Casino
28	<b>Yamatani</b> 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
<b>Bishop Creek Lodge</b> 2100 South Lake Rd. (760) 873-4484	Steaks, pasta, seafood, nightly specials in summer
<b>Cardinal Village Resort</b> 311 Cardinal Rd. (760) 873-4789	Breakfast and lunch
<b>Fort Independence Travel Plaza</b> 135 S. Highway 395, Independence (760) 878-2483	Burgers, sandwiches, salads, daily specials.
<b>Frosty Chalet</b> 500 N. Main St., Lone Pine (760) 876-4237	Ice cream specialties, sandwiches, burgers, fries and much more
<b>Lake Sabrina Boat Landing Café</b> (760) 873-7425	Seasonal. Full breakfast and lunch with great views.
<b>Parchers Resort</b> South Fork Bishop Creek Canyon St. (760) 873-4177	Open summer & fall. Breakfast buffet on weekends. Picnics to go.
<b>Restaurant at Convict Lake Resort</b> 2000 Convict Lake Rd. (800) 992-2260	Eclectic Continental cuisine
<b>Rock Creek Lakes Resort</b> Rock Creek Canyon (760) 935-4311	Famous for homemade pies
<b>Rock Creek Lodge</b> 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.
<b>Tom's Place Resort</b> 8180 Crowley Lake Dr. (760) 935-4239	Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Café and bar.

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## CHAMBER MEMBER SHOPS &amp; BOUTIQUES

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## SHOP/BOUTIQUE

**Aerohead Cycles**

312 N. Warren St.  
(760) 873-4151  
[www.aeroheadcycles.com](http://www.aeroheadcycles.com)  
Bicycle sales, service, repair and accessories

**Alpine Signs/The 395 Store**

263 S. Main St.  
(760) 873-5078  
[www.alpinesigns.com](http://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

**Be 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](http://www.chalfantbigtreesfarm.com)  
Garden plants and supplies

**Cobwebs**

307 S. Main St.  
(760) 873-5161  
[cobwebsantiquesshop.com](http://cobwebsantiquesshop.com)  
Antiques and collectibles

**Dwayne's Friendly Pharmacy**

644 W. Line St.  
(760) 872-2522  
[www.dwaynespharmacy.com](http://www.dwaynespharmacy.com)  
Hallmark and gift shop, jewelry, toys

**Eastside Sports**

224 N. Main St.  
(760) 873-7520  
[www.eastsidesports.com](http://www.eastsidesports.com)  
Clothing, shoes, gear for backcountry and mountaineering needs

**Fendon's Furniture**

175 E. Pine St.  
(760) 873-4698  
[www.fendonsfurniture.com](http://www.fendonsfurniture.com)  
Home furnishings, upholstery, home décor

**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

**High Country Lumber**

444 S. Main St.  
(760) 873-5874  
[www.highcountrylumber.com](http://www.highcountrylumber.com)  
Ace Hardware Store

**Home Lumber Company**

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

**IMAH Sierra Thrift Mall**

371 S. Warren St.  
[imahstars.org](http://imahstars.org)  
(760) 873-8668  
Thrift store

**Independent Project Press**

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[www.independentprojectpress.com](http://www.independentprojectpress.com)  
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**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

**Mountain Light Gallery**

106 S. Main St.  
(760) 873-7700  
[www.mountainlight.com](http://www.mountainlight.com)  
Photo gallery, books, jewelry made by local artisans

**Radio Shack/Sound Shoppe**

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(760) 873-5991  
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**Reagan's Sporting Goods**

963 N. Main St.  
(760) 872-3000  
[www.hunt-fish-sierra.com](http://www.hunt-fish-sierra.com)  
Fishing, hunting, licenses and outdoor gear

**Rite-Way Pool, Spa & Gifts**

487 W. Line St.  
(760) 873-7727  
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**Sage To Summit**

312 N. Main St.  
(760) 872-1756  
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Shoes and clothing for outdoor enthusiasts

**Salvation Army Thrift Store**

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Thrift store

**Smart & Final**

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

**Spellbinder Books**

124 S. Main St.  
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[etelos.org/spellbinder](http://etelos.org/spellbinder)  
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**Pleasant Valley Associates**

187 W. Line St.  
(760) 873-7826

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(760) 935-4890

**Allen Outdoor**

600 S. Main St.  
(760) 873-5903

**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](http://www.tricountyfair.com)  
(760) 873-3588

## WEDDINGS &amp; SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES

**Bishop Country Club**

1200 U.S. 395  
(760) 873-5828  
[bishopcountryclub.com](http://bishopcountryclub.com)

**Bishop Elks Lodge**

151 E. Line St.  
(760) 873-3221

**Calvary Baptist Church**

1100 W. Line St.  
(760) 872-8136

**Church of Religious Science**

129 E. Line St.  
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**Classy Cowgirl Caterers**

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[www.avspectialevents.com](http://www.avspectialevents.com)  
(661) 674-7151

**Hidden Creeks Ranch**

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**Home Town Catering**

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(760) 872-4034

**The Honey Bee Photography**

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**Laurie Warta Photography**

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(760) 920-1792  
[lauriewartaphotography.com](http://lauriewartaphotography.com)

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(760) 873-3588  
[www.tricountyfair.com](http://www.tricountyfair.com)

**VFW Post #8988**

484 Short St.  
(760) 873-5770

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437 E. Line St.  
(760) 872-1117  
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**Alex Printing**

163 N. Main St.  
(760) 873-8650  
[www.alexprint.com](http://www.alexprint.com)  
Printing services

**Auto Club of Southern California**

187 W. Pine St.  
(760) 872-8241  
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**Bishop Veterinary Hospital**

1650 N. Sierra Hwy.  
(760) 258-1338  
[www.bishopveterinaryhospital.com](http://www.bishopveterinaryhospital.com)

**BizShip**

475 W. Line St., Suite A  
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**Community Printing**

187 W. Line St.  
(760) 873-3049  
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**Healings**

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(760) 937-3391  
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**Joyful Health**

(907) 947-5491  
[www.joyfulhealth.today.com](http://www.joyfulhealth.today.com)

**Lone Pine Pheasant Club**

(760) 876-4590  
[www.lonepinepheasantclub.com](http://www.lonepinepheasantclub.com)

**Northern Inyo Hospital**

150 Pioneer Ln.  
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**Pioneer Home Health**

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(760) 872-4663

**Sierra Mountain Center**

200 S. Main St.  
(760) 873-8526  
Mountaineering school and guide service

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**Bishop Automotive Center/ Bishop Creek Chevron**

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(760) 258-0773

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**Steve's Auto & Truck Parts/NAPA**

555 S. Main St.  
(760) 873-7131



**LODGING**

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

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

**DINING**

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

- |                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 11th Lane Café                    | 15 Imperial Gourmet                |
| 2 Aaron Schat's Roadhouse           | 16 La Casita                       |
| 3 Amigo's                           | 17 Bishop Looney Bean              |
| 4 Astorga's                         | 18 Mad Dogs of Bishop              |
| 5 Bishop Burger Barn                | 19 McDonald's                      |
| 6 Bishop Country Club               | 20 McMurry's Sports Bar            |
| 7 Black Sheep Espresso Bar          | 21 Meadow Farms Country Smokehouse |
| 8 Brown's Town Café & Country Store | 22 Mountain Rambler Brewing        |
| 9 Carl's Jr.                        | 23 Pizza Factory                   |
| 10 Denny's                          | 24 Rusty's Saloon                  |
| 11 El Ranchito                      | 25 Sage                            |
| 12 Erick Schat's Bakkery            | 26 Thai Thai                       |
| 13 Great Basin Bakery               | 27 Tu-Ka-Notie Restaurant          |
| 14 Holy Smoke Texas Style BBQ       | 28 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
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Laws Railroad Museum</b>	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.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Biking</b>	Follow E. Line St. or another road east of town to the Owens River.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fishing</b>	Follow E. Line St. or another road east of town to the Owens River.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Walking Tour of Murals and Galleries</b>	Visit the Bishop Visitors Bureau or <a href="http://www.bishopvisitor.com">www.bishopvisitor.com</a> for a map of a walking tour of 14 striking murals plus five extraordinary galleries.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Motor Touring</b>	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 <a href="http://www.bishopvisitor.com">www.bishopvisitor.com</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Birding</b>	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.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Golf</b>	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.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Photography</b>	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
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rock Climbing, Hiking, Mountain Biking or Exploring in the Buttermilks</b>	Go west on Hwy. 168 from downtown Bishop 13 miles to the Buttermilks off of Buttermilk Rd.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rock Climbing at the Happy Boulders or Sad Boulders</b>	Go north from Bishop to the Volcanic Tablelands via Hwy. 6 or take the Pleasant Valley Reservoir Rd. off Hwy. 395. Climbers' paradise awaits.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fishing and Hiking the Lakes Along Bishop Creek</b>	Go west on Hwy. 168 from downtown Bishop 16 miles to Bishop Creek Canyon. Beautiful lakes, streams and majestic scenery galore.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hot Springs and Massage</b>	Head south on Hwy. 395 from Bishop to Keough's Hot Springs.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Horseback Riding</b>	Take a ride and see the great Eastern Sierra on horseback. See page 14 for more information.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Motor Touring</b>	Pick up your Motor Touring Guide at the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau or visit <a href="http://www.bishopvisitor.com">www.bishopvisitor.com</a> . For more information, call (888) 395-3952.



Summer Days

Photo by Madi Taylor

### TWO-DAY ACTIVITIES + ANY OF THE ABOVE

✓ ACTIVITY	HOW TO GET THERE
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest</b>	From Bishop, go south on Hwy. 395 for 15 miles. Take Hwy. 168 east at Big Pine for 26 miles.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Year-round Fishing on the Lower Owens River and Pleasant Valley Reservoir</b>	Travel north of Bishop to the lower Owens River. For more information, see map on page 40.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dining</b>	Select from our fine selection of dining locations. For a listing of restaurants, see page 69.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Antiques and History</b>	Shop the many antique stores and read about the history of Bishop at local bookstores. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.bishopvisitor.com">www.bishopvisitor.com</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Camping</b>	Fantastic high-country and winter valley locations for your camping adventures.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pack Trip</b>	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
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bishop Creek Canyon</b>	Go west on Hwy. 168 from downtown Bishop and drive 16 miles to beautiful high-country adventures.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Petroglyphs</b>	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.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Lower Owens River</b>	Fish, float or photograph the scenic river.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rock Creek Canyon</b>	Spectacular mountain setting and outdoor recreation area.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Manzanar National Historic Site</b>	Historical World War II Japanese Internment camp 50 minutes south of Bishop off Hwy. 395.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rainbow Falls</b>	Beautiful mountain waterfalls 50 minutes north of Bishop.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Eastern California Museum</b>	The cultural mecca of the east side of California. Located in Independence 47 miles south of Bishop.

**THANKS FOR VISITING!**



**Fall Colors in the Eastern Sierra near Bishop** Photo by Galen Rowell/Mountain Light Gallery

## 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](http://www.bishopvisitor.com) or drop in to say "Hi" at 690 N. Main Street in Bishop.

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