

# Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway

Explore...



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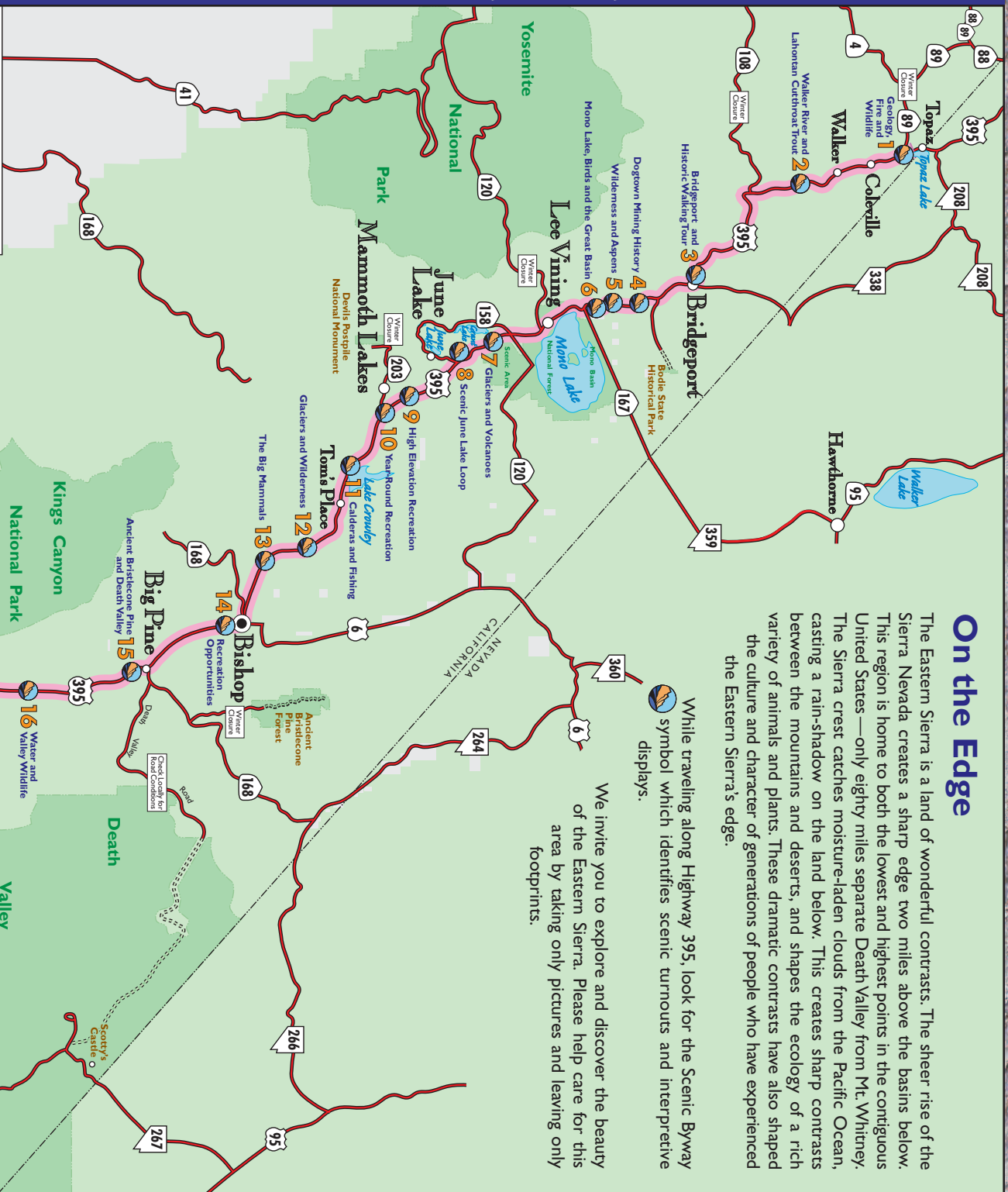
which identifies scenic turnouts and interpretive displays.

## On the Edge

The Eastern Sierra is a land of wonderful contrasts. The sheer rise of the Sierra Nevada creates a sharp edge two miles above the basins below. This region is home to both the lowest and highest points in the contiguous United States — only eighty miles separate Death Valley from Mt. Whitney. The Sierra crest catches moisture-laden clouds from the Pacific Ocean, casting a rain-shadow on the land below. This creates sharp contrasts between the mountains and deserts, and shapes the ecology of a rich variety of animals and plants. These dramatic contrasts have also shaped the culture and character of generations of people who have experienced the Eastern Sierra's edge.

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We invite you to explore and discover the beauty of the Eastern Sierra. Please help care for this area by taking only pictures and leaving only footprints.



The Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway is a partnership project sponsored and supported by the Coalition for Unified Recreation in the Eastern Sierra (CURES). This partnership combines the support of public and private recreation providers in the Eastern Sierra including:

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- USDI - Bureau of Land Management
- USDI - National Park Service
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- California Department of Fish and Game
- California Department of Transportation
- Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
- Inyo County
- Mono County
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- Alpine County, Lee Vining, June Lake, Mammoth Lakes, Bishop, Big Pine, Independence and Lone Pine.

And the many private providers who support the quality and quantity of recreational opportunities here in the Eastern Sierra.

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**LEGEND**

- Interpretive Display
- Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway
- Paved Road
- Gravel or Dirt Road
- Private
- Governmental

