

SOUTHERN MONO COUNTY

1 ROCK CREEK CANYON

Pristine glacier-carved valley

Cascading from a high alpine valley in the John Muir Wilderness, Rock Creek Canyon offers 20 miles of a gorgeous creekside setting for year-round outdoor recreation. Rock Creek is famous for Little Lakes Valley, where a string of high-elevation lakes are linked by hiking trails surrounded by 13,000-foot peaks. Summer activities in the canyon include hiking, fishing, boating, horseback riding and camping. At Tom's Place and along the canyon, you'll find year-round lodging, general stores and food services. In autumn don't miss the shimmering fall colors which grace the canyon.



MOUNTAIN BIKERS enjoy Lower Rock Creek Canyon, which offers 2,000 vertical feet of exhilarating single-track mountain bike trails. The multi-use trail begins south of Tom's Place, just off US 395.



2 CROWLEY LAKE & MCGEE CREEK CANYON

World-famous trout fishing destination and a local favorite for wildflowers and fall color



Dominating the broad expanse of Long Valley, Crowley Lake is the focal point of the annual opening of fishing season in Mono County. The marina offers boat rentals, tackle, and camping and RV sites. Surrounded by massive peaks, nearby McGee Creek Canyon is a favorite for camping, stream fishing, hiking, and horseback riding.



COLORFUL wildflowers, aspen trees, and dramatic views make McGee Creek Canyon a great place for photographers and nature lovers. Hike or ride horseback up the canyon to high alpine lakes and beaver ponds.



3 CONVICT LAKE

Don't let the name deceive you

Convict Lake got its name from an incident in 1871, when inmates from a Nevada prison escaped here and battled their way out with a shootout. Today, visitors escape to Convict Lake for fishing, hiking, horseback riding, camping, and to enjoy fine dining (or to tie the knot!) at Convict Lake Restaurant.



CENTRAL MONO COUNTY

6 LEE VINING

Small town, big views

The gateway to Mono Lake and Yosemite National Park, Lee Vining is located at the foot of the Sierra just 12 miles from Tioga Pass and the Park's east entrance. An ideal base camp for exploring the Mono Basin and nearby Yosemite, Lee Vining offers two visitor information centers, trading posts, restaurants, a market, service stations, and many lodging options, including nearby campgrounds.



7 MONO LAKE

An ancient inland sea and bird sanctuary

One of the oldest lakes in the western hemisphere, Mono Lake is hauntingly beautiful. The lake's most distinctive feature is its eerie tufa towers — mineral structures created when fresh-water springs bubble up through the lake's alkaline waters. This ancient inland sea plays host to millions of migrating birds that come to feed on its teeming populations of alkali flies and tiny brine shrimp. A paradise for bird watchers and photographers, Mono Lake also offers interpretive hiking trails and is a peaceful haven for enjoying nature in all its grandeur.

THE MONO BASIN SCENIC AREA VISITOR CENTER is a must-stop for incredible views of Mono Lake, interpretive displays, a free movie, and guided tours of the region. Located at the north end of Lee Vining. For more info call 760-647-3044.



8 YOSEMITE & TIOGA PASS

See Yosemite's jaw-dropping east side

Mono County is the east gateway to Yosemite National Park. From Lee Vining on US 395, Tioga Pass Road (Hwy. 120 West) winds just 12 miles up to Yosemite's east entrance and to one the Park's greatest wonders, Tuolumne Meadows. Many travelers choose this approach to Yosemite for the impressive views of the Eastern Sierra's escarpment, or because they are coming from Death Valley, the Grand Canyon, or Nevada. Note: Tioga Pass Road is open seasonally, usually from mid-May through mid-November.



9 BENTON HOT SPRINGS

Historic natural hot springs

Soak in natural hot springs that have been enjoyed by Benton visitors for centuries, first by native populations and then by stage-coach travelers in the late 1800s. Benton was once a silver mining town with 5,000 inhabitants. Today it's a tranquil oasis, and the Inn at Benton Hot Springs is the perfect spot to get away from it all and soak in soothing waters. The Historic Benton Springs Walking Tour map guide is available at the Inn for a nominal fee.



10 SADDLEBAG, LUNDY & VIRGINIA LAKES

Quintessential High Sierra alpine lakes

Saddlebag Lake is one of the area's most perfect alpine hiking, fishing and camping destinations, located just outside of Yosemite's east entrance. Lundy Lake, 11 miles north-west of Lee Vining, lies at the end of a serene canyon and is a popular spot for trout fishing. Hikers love the Lundy Canyon Trail for its views of waterfalls, beaver ponds, and fall colors display. Virginia Lakes, above Conway Summit, boasts access to eight alpine lakes, cabin rentals, campsites, boat rentals, and a café.



NORTHERN MONO COUNTY

11 BODIE GHOST TOWN

The largest unrestored, best-preserved ghost town in the West

California's official gold mining ghost town, Bodie was once notorious as the wildest town of the gold rush era. With about 10,000 residents and over 60 saloons, Bodie produced more than \$35 million in gold and silver in its heyday, from 1877 to 1888. Now a State Historic Park, Bodie is the largest unrestored ghost town in the West — an authentic experience not to be missed. Explore the museum, follow a self-guided tour, or wander the long-abandoned streets and peek into the windows of the general store, hotel, saloon, jail, barbershop, schoolhouse, church and many houses for a glimpse into life of a bygone era.



BODIE STATE HISTORIC PARK In summer months, the Park offers daily tours of the Bodie Standard Mill which is over 100 years old. Restrooms and water are the only services available, so pack a picnic lunch, sunscreen, and a jacket for your Bodie outing.



MAMMOTH LAKES

4 MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN & MAMMOTH LAKES

Nature, adventure and all the amenities

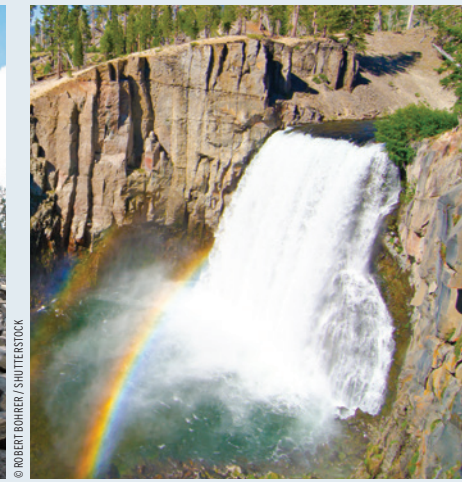
Bring a mammoth-sized appetite for year-round adventure. Known for legendary skiing and snowboarding, Mammoth is just as popular in summer, with excellent trout fishing, hiking, mountain biking, camping, horseback riding, and golf. Jazz, blues, and arts festivals fill the summer events schedule, along with athletic competitions and live theatre productions.



SIGHTSEEING in Mammoth Lakes includes Rainbow Falls, Devils Postpile National Monument, and the scenic gondola ride to Mammoth Mountain's 11,053-ft. summit. Mammoth Lakes Basin is also a must-see in all seasons, where bike paths and roads become cross-country ski trails in winter.



WINTER FUN June Mountain offers wide-open runs, excellent snow, and unforgettable views. June Lake also offers snowmobile and xc ski trails — check out the lit-up festive village, plus the annual Winter Festival. Kids 12 and under ski free at June Mountain, and year-round lodging is available for every style and budget.



JUNE LAKE LOOP

5 JUNE LAKE LOOP & JUNE MOUNTAIN SKI AREA

Kids 12 and under ski and snowboard free!

The picturesque village of June Lake and the resorts along its scenic 16-mile loop (Hwy. 158) offer a range of year-round accommodations and amenities — including charming shops and restaurants plus a world-class spa — with the relaxed atmosphere of a mountain hideaway. The Loop's four glistening lakes are renowned for fishing, and are stocked with trophy-size trout. Campgrounds, RV parks, paddleboats, horseback riding and hiking trails mean endless summer fun. Autumn brings a phenomenal display of colorful aspens along the Loop, and in winter June Mountain Ski Area is a family-friendly favorite.



12 BRIDGEPORT

Where time seems to stand still

Backed by the jagged spires of Sawtooth Ridge, Bridgeport is the center of a vast recreational playground — the gateway to numerous alpine canyons, peaks, lakes, and streams. Nearby Twin Lakes hums with activity all summer, including fishing, boating, hiking, camping, and rock climbing. Robinson and Buckeye creeks are popular for fly fishing, and Green Creek is a more remote destination for camping, fishing, and hiking. Here, too, are the headwaters of the East Walker River which flows to Bridgeport Reservoir, both popular destinations for fishing and bird watching.



HISTORY BUFFS will enjoy exploring the Mono County Museum, featuring displays on the region's Native American, mining and ranching heritage. The museum is located next to the historic Bridgeport courthouse, California's second oldest courthouse in continuous use, dating back to 1880.



DESIGNATED A WILD AND SCENIC RIVER, the Walker River carries brown, rainbow, lahontan and cutthroat trout through its winding bends and rocky troughs.



13 WALKER, COLEVILLE & TOPAZ

A trio of towns along the wild and scenic Walker River

Northern Mono County's trio of towns warmly welcomes visitors to friendly Antelope Valley. The charming community of Walker is proud of its art galleries, trading posts, retro roadside motels and cabins, ATV and off-road trails, horseback riding at two pack stations, and easy access to fishing along the Walker River. Coleville offers a pastoral ranchland setting, and Topaz Lake is known for its prize-winning trout, year-round fishing season and water sports. Visitors can also try their luck at the casino, located just over the Nevada border overlooking Topaz Lake.



RECREATION SYMBOL LEGEND

(SEE REVERSE SIDE)

- Hiking Trails

Mountain Bike Trails

Fishing

Horseback Riding / Pack Outfits

Rock Climbing

Boat Ramp

Canoeing / Kayaking

Birding

Golf Course

Scenic Gondola or Chairlift Rides
- Water-Skiing

Swimming

Hot Springs

4-WD Routes

Hunting

Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding

Cross Country Skiing

Snow-Shoeing

Ice-Skating

Snowmobiling

Snow Play Area

Ice Climbing
- Picnic Areas

Campgrounds

RV Facilities

Lodging

Restaurants

Shopping

Historic Site or Museum

Ranger Station

Visitor Center



VISITOR INFORMATION

VISITOR CENTERS / PERMITS / CAMPGROUNDS

Bridgeport Ranger Station	US 395 in Bridgeport	760-932-7070
Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center	Hwy 203 in Mammoth Lakes	760-924-5500
Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center		
& Ranger Station	US 395 in Lee Vining	760-647-3044
Mono Lake Committee Information Center & Bookstore	Lee Vining	760-647-6595
Northern Mono County Visitor Center	Walker Country Store	530-495-2945
White Mountain Ranger Station	US 395 in Bishop	760-873-2500
US Forest Service Campground Reservations	Recreation.gov	877-444-6777
	International	518-885-3639

STATE / NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES

Bodie State Historic Park	Parks.Ca.Gov/Bodie	760-647-6445
Devils Postpile National Monument	NPS.gov/depo	760-934-2289
Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve	Parks.ca.gov	760-647-6331
Yosemite National Park	NPS.gov/Yose	209-372-0200

RECREATION AGENCIES

Bureau of Land Management	BLM.gov	760-872-5000
California Department of Fish & Wildlife	Wildlife.ca.gov	760-872-1171

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Bridgeport	BridgeportCalifornia.com	760-932-7500
June Lake	JuneLakeLoop.org	
Lee Vining	LeeVining.com	760-647-6629
Mammoth Lakes	MammothLakesChamber.org	760-934-6717
Northern Mono County (Walker, Coleville, Topaz)	NorthernMonoChamber.com	530-828-0826

AIR SERVICE

United Airlines (Service to Bishop, CA / BKH)	United.com	800-864-8331
Advanced Airlines	AdvancedAirlines.com	800-939-7035
(Winter service to Mammoth Lakes / MMH)		

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA)	ESTransit.com	760-924-3184
(Shuttle bus service from Lancaster, CA to Reno, NV)		800-922-1930
Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)	YARTS.com	877-989-2787
(Summer bus service to Yosemite from Mammoth Lakes, June Lake and Lee Vining)		

Mammoth Cabs		760-924-2227
Mammoth Taxi	Mammoth-Taxi.com	760-937-8294
MAWS Transportation	MAWSHuttle.com	760-709-2927
Sierra Shuttle Service (Long Distance, Trailhead)	SierraShuttleService.com	760-914-2746
Enterprise Rent-A-Car (Mammoth Lakes)	Enterprise.com	909-204-1759
National Car Rental (Mammoth Lakes)	NationalCar.com	844-382-6875

WEATHER & ROAD REPORTS

National Weather Service	noaa.gov	
California Roads / Caltrans	roads.ca.gov	800-427-7623
Mono County Roads	MonoCounty.ca.gov/roads	760-932-5440
(County road conditions for Benton Crossing, Cottonwood Canyon, Lundy Lake, Virginia Lakes, Rock Creek, Saddlebag Lake and Twin Lakes-Bridgeport roads)		
SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURES: Winter snowfall typically closes mountain road passes from mid-November through mid-May; Hwy 120 Tioga Pass; Hwy 108 Sonora Pass; Hwy 89 Monitor Pass		

EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

Bridgeport Toiyabe Indian Health Project	BridgeportToiyabe.us	530-495-2100
Mammoth Hospital	760-934-3311	
MammothHospital.com		
Northern Inyo Hospital	(Bishop) 760-873-5811	
	NIH.org	

MOUNTAIN MANNERS

Like all parents, Mother Nature just loves good manners! Everyone knows the Golden Rule: **Take only photos; leave only footprints**, but here are a few other Mountain Manners* etiquette tips to help protect the Eastern Sierra:

- 1. FOLLOW THE BEATEN PATH** Please stay on designated paths — alpine plant life is incredibly fragile. Keep dogs on leash.
- 2. SCOOP THE POOP** Your #2 is becoming our #1 issue. If it's your pet's, please bag it and take it out. If it's your own, bury it in a cat-hole at least 6-8 inches deep or better yet, pack it out.
- 3. GATHER UP GARBAGE** Even if it's not yours, please pack out litter — including food scraps.
- 4. DON'T FEED THE BEARS** Or any wildlife! Store all food in bear boxes or bear-proof containers, NOT in your vehicle.
- 5. REMOVE FISHING LINE AND HOOKS** Dangerous to animals, birds, fish, kids, pets and YOU, tangled line and fishing hooks need to be removed and packed out.
- 6. KEEP INVASIVE SPECIES OUT** Follow all watercraft inspection rules so as not to destroy lakes, streams and landscape by accidentally introducing an invasive species.
- 7. DON'T PICK THE FLOWERS** Enough said — please leave everything (except garbage!) where you find it.
- 8. SOCIAL MEDIA DO'S AND DON'TS** Please don't geo-tag special places, and take pics safely — selfie accidents are a thing — watch your footing!

Thank you! *With thanks to the Gunnison Valley / Crested Butte stewardship team for letting us borrow from their Mountain Manners program.

WILDFIRE PREVENTION

One less spark, one less wildfire. Follow these simple rules will help keep our paradise safe from fire devastation:

- Observe all local fire restrictions, and get a campfire permit at your local visitor center. Always use an established fire pit and keep campfires small.
- Clear all sticks, pine cones and other flammable materials five feet in all directions from the campfire and keep a shovel and a bucket of water nearby. **Keep campfires small.**
- Never leave a campfire or lit camp stove unattended. Ever.
- Do NOT build a campfire if it is windy.
- Ensure your campfire is completely extinguished before you leave. **Drown it, stir it, feel it** — douse the fire with water, stir the ashes, and make sure nothing is still smoldering below the surface.
- Be aware of where you park. Hot mufflers and catalytic converters can easily ignite brush on fire. Maintain your vehicle's brakes and tire pressure. Blowouts and scraping metal cause sparks. If towing, make sure nothing is dragging.
- Personal fireworks are prohibited in Mono County (with the exception of select locations in Bridgeport on July 4th). Local fire departments supervise public fireworks displays on Independence Day in Mammoth Lakes, Crowley Lake and Bridgeport!

Visit PreventWildfiresCa.org to learn more.



SUMMER HIKING TRAILS

- A LITTLE LAKES VALLEY • Rock Creek Canyon**
Located at the top of Rock Creek Road, this relatively easy trail offers dramatic lake-after-lake views. *Easy to moderate. 5-10 miles, round-trip.*
- B MCGEE CREEK CANYON • Crowley Lake**
Famous for acres of wildflowers in July and rich fall color in October, the trail winds steadily upwards to an active beaver pond which is a great place to stop for lunch. *Moderate. 8 miles, round-trip to the beaver pond.*
- C CRYSTAL LAKE TRAIL • Mammoth Lakes**
Switchbacks ascend from Lake George and offer exceptional views of the Mammoth Lakes Basin. Stop at Crystal Lake or head higher to Mammoth Crest. *Moderate. 4-miles, round-trip.*
- D PARKER LAKE TRAIL • June Lake Loop**
From the north end of SR 158 (June Lake Loop), take Parker Lake Road to the trailhead parking. Enjoy sweeping views of Mono Lake before arriving at a serene lake tucked at the base of giant mountains. *Easy to moderate. 4 miles, round-trip.*
- E TWENTY LAKES BASIN • Tioga Pass**
On the east side of Tioga Pass near Lee Vining, this alpine loop trail linking dozens of lakes is located on the north side of Saddlebag Lake. Wildflowers bloom in late summer here due to its higher elevation. *Moderate. 7-mile loop*
- F LUNDY CANYON TRAIL • Lee Vining**
One of the most highly regarded hikes in the Eastern Sierra for wildflowers, fall colors, waterfalls, and even a beaver dam, the trailhead is at the end of Lundy Lake Road, off US 395, 7 miles north of Lee Vining. *Moderate. 4-6 miles, round-trip.*
- G VIRGINIA LAKES TRAIL • Bridgeport**
From Big Virginia Lake, the trail climbs steadily past an old mining cabin and several lakes, arriving at Summit Pass with views of Sawtooth Ridge. *Strenuous. 10 miles, round-trip.*
- H LEAVITT MEADOWS TRAIL • Walker**
Off Sonora Pass Road / SR 108, the Leavitt Meadows trail to Lane and Roosevelt lakes (or 700' higher to Secret Lake) begins at Leavitt Meadows campground and follows the West Walker River. Perfect for families. *Easy to moderate. 7 miles, round-trip.*



Mono County Economic Development,
Tourism and Film Commission
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MonoCounty.org
800-845-7922



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DRIVING TIMES AND DISTANCES

DRIVING TO ▶ FROM ▼	MAMMOTH LAKES	LEE VINING/HWY 120	BRIDGEPORT	WALKER
LAS VEGAS	5.5 hrs / 310 miles*	6 hrs / 330 miles*	6.5 hrs / 355 miles*	7 hrs / 385 miles*
LOS ANGELES	5.5 hrs / 315 miles	6 hrs / 335 miles	6.5 hrs / 360 miles	7 hrs / 390 miles
RENO	3 hrs / 168 miles	2.5 hrs / 139 miles	2 hrs / 114 miles	1.5 hrs / 84 miles
SACRAMENTO	4.5 hrs / 235 miles	4 hrs / 207 miles	3.5 hrs / 182 miles	3 hrs / 159 miles
SAN DIEGO	6.5 hrs / 400 miles	7 hrs / 420 miles	7.5 hrs / 445 miles	8 hrs / 475 miles
SAN FRANCISCO	5.5 hrs / 280 miles	5 hrs / 252 miles	4.5 hrs / 226 miles	4.5 hrs / 243 miles
YOSEMITE VALLEY	2.5 hrs / 100 miles	2 hrs / 75 miles	2.5 hrs / 100 miles	3 hrs / 130 miles

Times and distances are approximate and will vary with traffic, road and weather conditions. Please call 800-427-7623 for current highway information.

FROM ▼	WINTER	WINTER	WINTER	WINTER
LAS VEGAS	Same	5.25 hrs / 300 miles**	Same	Same
LOS ANGELES	Same	Same	Same	Same
RENO	Same	Same	Same	Same
SACRAMENTO	Same	Same	Same	Same
SAN DIEGO	Same	Same	Same	Same
SAN FRANCISCO	Same	Same	Same	Same
YOSEMITE VALLEY	Same	Same	Same	Same

*Mileage from Las Vegas to Mono County destinations is calculated using NV-266 / CA-168. **Winter mileage from San Francisco and Sacramento to Mono County destinations is calculated using I-80 / US-395 as the primary route. ***State Route 120 / Tioga Pass is usually closed from the east side of Yosemite National Park from mid-November through mid-May.