

High Sierra

Ancient Bristle Cone Pine Forest

28,000 acres in the White Mountains, The Ancient Bristle Cone Pines Forest contains the oldest living things on the planet, gnarled pine trees over 4,000 years old. The National Park may be accessed from Hwy 395. A southwest view provides a spectacular panorama of the Sierra Nevada and Mount Whitney. Located near Mono County in Inyo County, south of Bishop from Hwy 168 west, at the Death Valley Rd. turnoff.



Bodie State Historic Park

South of Bridgeport, CA in the Carson Valley, this park is the remaining buildings of an abandoned mining town famous in its heyday. Bodie is much like it was during yesteryear's silver and gold boom, when stiking it rich was the biggest attraction to travel west. Now a State Historic Park, Bodie portrays the feeling of the real west, as it was then.



Kings Canyon National Park Sequoia Nat'l Monument

Driving through both National Parks is the ultimate experience for what remains a real jewel of the High Sierra. Granite domes, vistas, caverns surround the Kings Canyon and River, while swirling its way through picturesque scenery. Accessed from Fresno and Clovis area, west on Hwy 168 to Shaver Lake. Or, Hwy 198 north of Three Rivers.



Mt. Whitney

The tallest mountain in the Sierra Nevada Range and the 48 states. The Whitney Portal is 13 miles west of Lone Pine, trail head for hikers. 619/876-6200.

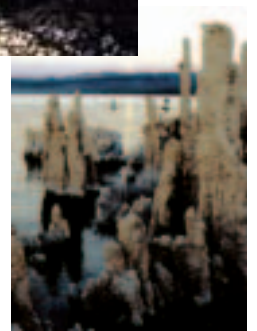
Mono Lake

Perhaps the oldest lake in the Sierra Range, a serene sense and surreal overview of an ecosystem that once in peril, now on its return. Yosemite Park at Tioga Pass access opens in May each year.



Mammoth Lakes

A year 'round resort accessible from Hwy 395. Snow skiing is the wintertime destination, but other activities abound. Hiking, swimming, fishing, camping and pack trips are just a few.



Calaveras Big Trees State Park

North of Angels Camp, Hwy 49 and Hwy 4, there are two redwood groves of Giant Sequoias and pines, once visited by Mark Twain in his day.



Lake Tahoe

A premier destination getaway resort for skiing and all forms of recreation. 72 miles of shoreline prevail high in the alpine elevations. Divided by the statelines of California and Nevada, Lake Tahoe offers a gateway to a spectacular part of the west. South Lake Tahoe is populated with luxury hotels, restaurants and shops. The Nevada side allows gambling casinos, as well as North Lake at Incline with several large hotels.

Tahoe City, Squaw Valley, Truckee and Donner Pass are all accessible from North Lake Tahoe.

Sorensen's Resort:



Yosemite National Park

1,200 square miles of natural wonder, with an alpine valley, waterfalls, trails and plenty of vistas. John Muir and others created the interest in one of the world's top National Parks.



Devil's Postpile National Monument

Consisting of a sheer wall of symmetrical basaltic columns more than 60 feet high, created by crystalizing volcanic matter.

Downieville

North of Nevada City, on Hwy 49, this historic town once was voted out by 1 vote to be the state capital. On Yuba River frontage, access to Sierra Lakes and Mountains by trails are easy to find from here.

Carson Valley

Much of Carson Valley includes south of Reno, through Carson City, Minden and Gardnerville to Bridgeport. Access to Lake Tahoe makes this a growing area for hotels, restaurants and shopping. Recreation throughout the year includes Lake Topaz, Crowley Lake, June Lakes and many wilderness areas accessed from Hwy 395.

