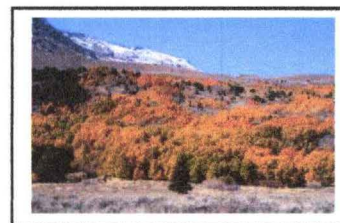
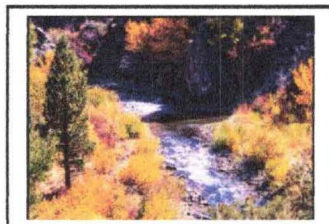
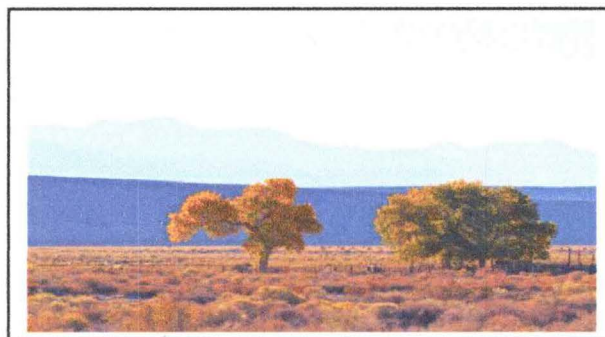
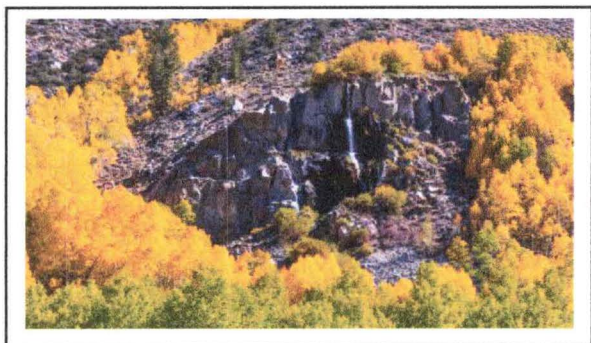


Lincoln Hills Photography Club  
**Eastern Sierras Fall Colors Field Trip**

**October 8, 9 & 10 of 2023**

**Trip Pack**



**Planning and Information Trip Pack**

**Trip Information, Maps, Mileage Guidelines, Websites, Resources, Equipment Checklists, Photography Locations, Petroglyph Locations, Places to Eat and much more.**

**Note: See our website: [lphotoclub.com/activities/fieldtrips](http://lphotoclub.com/activities/fieldtrips) for a PDF digital file of this Trip Pack.**

**The Fall Colors Field Trips include two major locations: Lake Tahoe and the Eastern Sierras. There are separate Trip Packs for each location. Download both from our website if you are going to blend the trips.**

**Many thanks for the members who have contributed research over the years that make this trip so enjoyable including Bob Baikuskas, Dale Petersen, Truman Holtzclaw, Pete Henshaw, Allen Adler, Bill Kress and John & Rhonda Campbell.**

# Best Overall Fall Color Trip Locations

## (Cut to the Chase)

Want it all, but don't have all the time?

If you want a great Fall Colors trip but are limited to a few days, or just want to be efficient (Type A personality?), the following locations will be the most productive based on our prior year trips.

### Lake Tahoe Area

Taylor Creek Visitor Center – Bears and many aspens and willows, plus an abundance of birds and animals feasting on the spawning Kokanee Salmon. Best time is about 8 am to 1 pm, then 4 pm to 6 pm. Nearby Fallen Leaf Lake Road is productive for aspens.

Emerald Bay – For spectacular sunrise if clouds are expected.

Hope Valley – From Silver Lake in the west to Markleeville in the east. Highway 88 and surrounding areas.

### Eastern Sierras

June Lake Loop – Highway 158 Loop off 395

Mammoth Lakes Scenic Loop – Connects to Road 203

Rock Creek Road 12, (Tom's Place & French Camp turnoff)

Bishop Creek Road Highway 168 to South Lake, North Lake, Lake Sabrina and on the way, DWP Ponds and Lakes on the south side of the highway.

**Note:** Eastern Sierras fall colors can start in late September or early October. Earlier than Lake Tahoe areas because the higher mountains shorten the minutes of sunlight on the eastern slopes and thus can also be colder. Both natural phenomena can cause earlier leaf changes.

## **Eastern Sierra Field Trip - 2023**

### **Informative Website and YouTube references for Eastern Sierra Fall Colors**

**Californiafallcolor.com** - Current updates and photos from local "leaf spotters" on popular fall color sites in Inyo and Mono County areas where we will visit. Scroll down for the most current reports of changes.

**bishopvisitor.com** - Bishop Visitor Guides & Maps and the Eastern Sierra Fall Color Report – Bishop Fall Colors.

**Inyocountyvisitor.com** – Fall Colors - Inyo County Tourism Information Center. Maps and locations for fall colors.

### **YouTube Videos:**

**Gary Crabbe, Photographing the Fall Colors of California's Eastern Sierra.** Time 10:22  
Includes the highly popular areas near Bishop including: Bishop Creek Drainage, Lake Sabrina, North Lake and South Lake.

**Fall Color Scenic Drives near Mammoth Lakes.** Time 4:17

**Jason Francisco, Searching for Fall Colors in California.** Time 21:50  
Includes Bishop, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake Loop Road and more.

**Travel College – Fall Colors of Eastern Sierra.** Stunning 4K Drone images. Time 9:30  
Includes Inyo and Mono counties, Bishop, etc.

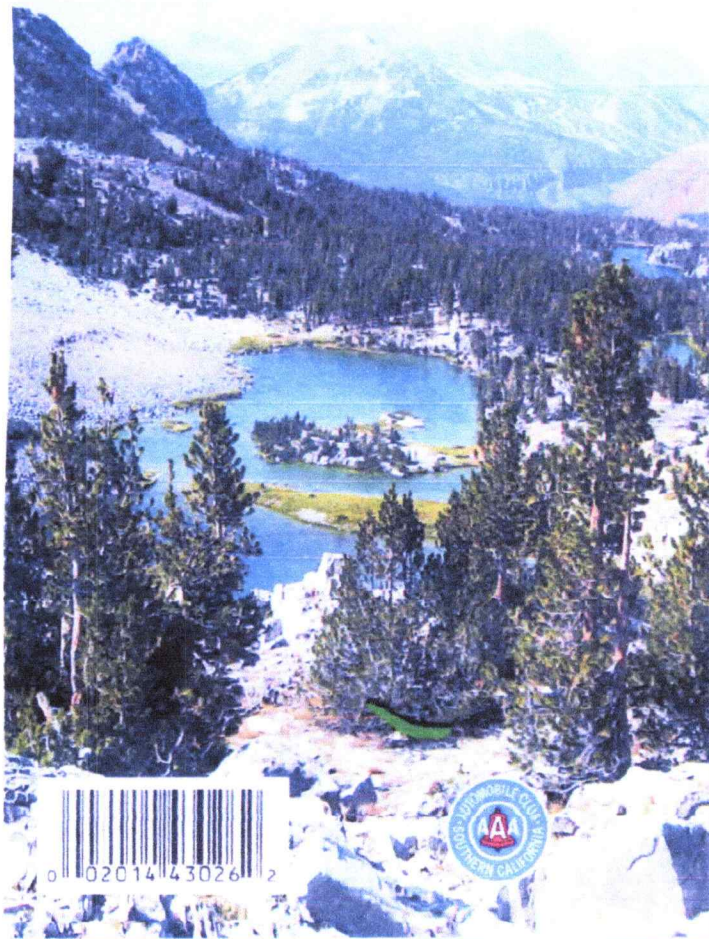
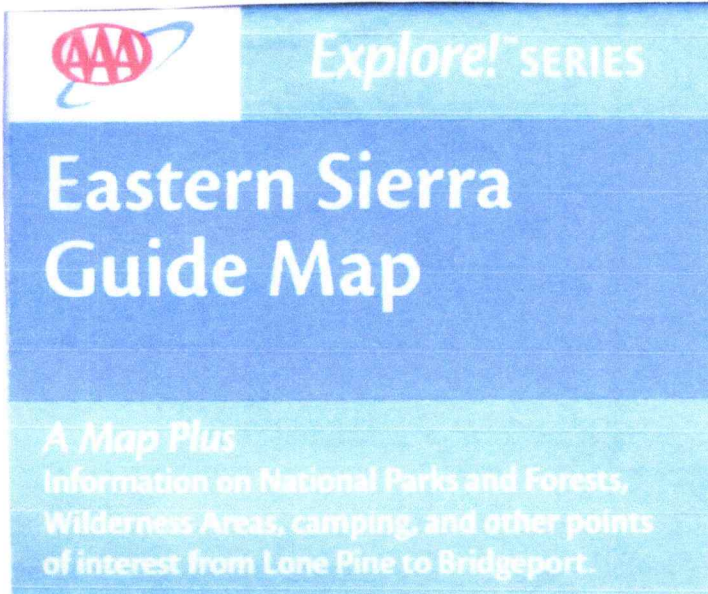
You can find many YouTube videos on how to photograph fall colors and galleries with images that will inspire you to be creative.

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**Additional sites to explore.** There are also many online reference sites and YouTube videos for other photography subjects of interest, including Bodie State Historical Park (Ghost Town), Laws Railroad Museum & Historical Site in Bishop, and ancient petroglyphs north of Bishop.

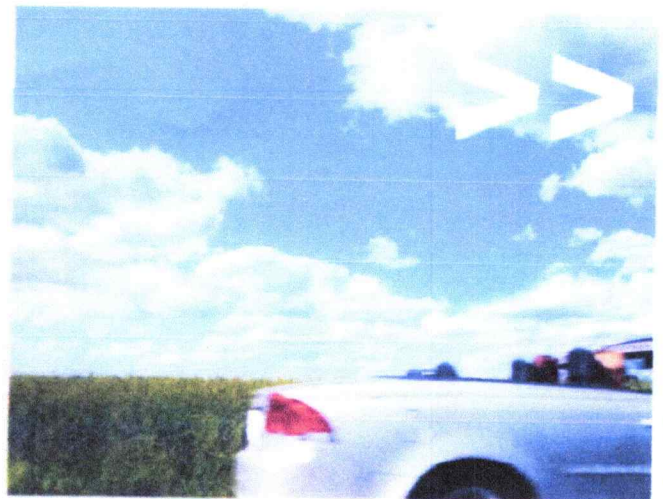
## AAA Maps – Excellent References

These old fashioned paper maps are excellent references, are still being published and are free to AAA Members. There are other publishers of area maps and many downloadable map apps for your tablet and phone. Of course, many of our cars have maps via the infotainment systems which are highly useful. **The key is to plan ahead so you don't waste time or miss an important location.**



## Sierra Nevada– Lake Tahoe & Yosemite Areas

California Regional Series



### Including:

California and Nevada counties of Alpine, Douglas, Mariposa, Storey and Tuolumne, plus Carson City; and portions of California and Nevada counties of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Lassen, Lyon, Madera, Merced, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, and Washoe

### Plus:

Carson Valley	Reno Metropolitan Area
Central San Joaquin Valley	Southern Gold Country
Lake Tahoe Area Parks	Stateline Area
Mammoth Lakes	Virginia City
Mono Lake	Yosemite National Park

# Drive Times and Mileages

	<u>Time (hours)</u>	<u>Miles</u>
<b>Lincoln to Mono Lake</b>	4.05	210
<b>Lincoln to Bishop</b>	5.06	274
<b>Bishop to (north):</b>		
Bodie	1.75	96
Mono Lake	1.00	64
June Lake	1.00	56
Mammoth Lakes	.75	42
Bishop Petroglyph Loop		
– Allow 3 hours for the trip		
<b>Bishop to (south):</b>		
Lone Pine	1.00	58
Manzanar	.75	48
Alabama Hills/Mobius Arch*	1.30	62
Whitney Portal	1.75	70
<b>Bishop to (east)</b>		
White Mountains – Bristlecone Visitor Center & Schulman Grove	1.00	38
Bristlecone Patriarch Grove	1.75	50

Drive times are AAA's optimistic times, allow extra for stops, photo set ups, getting lost, etc.

\*Add lots of extra time for Alabama Hills' dirt roads, darkness, finding the sites in the dark and set up time.

## Food and Restaurants

The Eastern Sierra's area is not known for its great food and restaurants but you can have some good meals by making wise choices.

**Remember, on this trip that you will be out in the field before sunrise and after sunset. We highly recommend that you pack plenty of snacks and beverages to have in your car because of our extended hours.**

Also, if you like coffee, you are advised to take something like "Starbucks Instant Singles" and your own creamer for your travel mug as we will be "up and out" before your motel is open for breakfast.

You can make up for this level of deprivation by having happy thoughts of better meals in some areas. The following are places we found to be dependable; however, we make no promises as many restaurants in the area are gone after several seasons.

### **Lee Vining- Mono Lake area:**

**Whoa Nellie Deli** – Excellent sandwiches, located just south of Lee Vining, turn west on Highway 120 and go ¼ mile. Part of a Mobile Gas Station. Closes when Highway 120 to Yosemite closes for the winter.

Nicely's – Standard American fare, not fancy but OK for breakfast. Service can be slow and salty. Name is a misnomer.

### **Mammoth Lakes and June Lake:**

These are resort areas but we are in-between ski and fishing seasons. There are some good places to eat if they are open. Check "Trip Advisor" if you are going to these areas.

### **Bishop:**

**Erick Schat's Bakery** – Excellent for lunch. Famous bakery for sourdough and lots of other types of breads. Excellent sandwiches & ice cream. Don't tell your neighbors you are going to Bishop or you will have to stuff your car with loaves of bread to bring home.

### **Lone Pine:**

**Alabama Hills Café and Bakery** – Excellent for breakfast and lunch. We will be here after our early morning sessions at Alabama Hills and Whitney Portal. Discovered by Dale and Bob as a local's favorite. Very busy so you may have to share a table with others.

Season's Restaurant – OK for dinner as the "Cafe" above closes at 2 p.m.

Other suggestions?

"Great photographers make the extra effort to be in the field when conditions may be present to create unique visual images. They do this to create great images and memories to share with others."

# Safety & Security Reminders

- Car** - Stealing from a vehicle is now just a misdemeanor in California, thus breaking into a vehicle and stealing everything is a new sport – “no crime means no time” for criminals
- Cover from sight or hide in your trunk everything valuable  
Thieves will happily break your \$400 window for a \$5 item, cell phones and memory drives are highly prized)
  - Cover or hide items before you stop, it's too late if they see you hide things
  - Thieves 1<sup>st</sup> check your front seats, center console and for purses stuffed under the front seats and then your back seat floor area
  - Keep gas tank filled to ½ level so you have some reserve
  - Carry snow chains or have all-wheel drive as we will be in snow country
  - Bring a car charger for your cell phone
  - Always lock your car, even if you are just “going to be a minute”
  - Make a habit to always to take your keys with you when you step out of your car
  - Carry your AAA or other roadside assistance card with you
  - Be on alert when fueling up, more “grab” thefts at gas stations and thieves working in teams to distract. Make sure your passenger side doors are locked when refueling

## Motel

- Use a locking bag to secure any valuable items you leave in your room
- Place a chair or bag next to the door when you are in your room
- Consider a “door stopper” for extra room security
- Consider bringing your own night light to avoid tripping or toe trauma
- Bring a small flashlight for emergencies
- Bring some “hand wipes” to clean your door handles, remote, etc.

## In the field

- Keep an “emergency rescue whistle” in your camera bag (\$5)
- Lock your car, valuables out of sight, when stopping to take photographs as we all tend to keep wandering for a good composition
- Keep your cell phone with you when leaving your car
- Sturdy shoes or similar foot ware is recommended as we will be on uneven ground

## Other reminders?

# Equipment Checklist & Reminders

## Eastern Sierras - Highway 395 – October 2023

### Camera:

- Primary Camera and Manual
- Backup Camera and Manual
- Fully charged batteries for all equipment + extra batteries
- Extra memory cards – formatted for the camera used
- Chargers for all camera batteries
- All your lenses for cameras (macro, standard, telephoto, wide-angle)
- Filters: UV, Polarizer, Graduated Neutral Density ...
- Lens hoods for all lenses
- Camera settings for night, pre-dawn, sunset, daytime scenes – tip sheets if you have them
- Lens cleaning kits – plenty of lens wipes
- Tripod with camera attachment clip (clip for each camera)
- Remote shutter release (with batteries if needed)
- “Red light” headlamp or small red beam flashlight for set ups in the dark
- Camera bag, loaded with equipment as we will be hiking away from the cars
- Emergency rescue whistle in your camera bag – if you get separated or hurt (Amazon)

### Other:

- Cell phone to connect and take photos, bring chargers for motel room and car**
- Polarized Sun Glasses
- Phone App to locate Alabama Hills arches (if desired)
- Flashlight/headlamp for predawn or night travel on rocky trails
- Warm clothing + very warm clothing, layers (it WILL be cold and possibly snowing)
- Warm gloves, knit hat, neck gaiter, warm boots for cold early & evening
- Backpack for equipment, water, snacks, misc.
- Plastic rain cover or trash bag to keep dry (snow/rain possible)
- Waterproof spray your camera bag/backpack as it will be laying on the ground
- Water resistant layered clothing and camera protection
- ID tags and labels for everything
- Emergency rescue whistle
- Knee pads for low-level work
- Electric power strip for recharging all batteries & equipment in your room
- Backup memory drive or equipment (+ reader) for daily downloading 2nd copy of all photos
- Lightweight gloves for photo shoots in cool weather
- Format all memory cards prior to the trip
- Flashlights with color lenses or color panels to “light paint” night scenes
- ID tags – labels on everything
- Lock for suitcase/bag for valuables left in your motel room
- iPad or tablet for apps, email, photos, etc.
- “Little Hotties” or “Hot Hands” hand warmers (Walmart, \$ Store, Amazon)
- Camp chair (folding), while waiting at photo sites for sun, moon, light to change
- Sunscreen + lip balm as we will be out in the day + possible wind exposure



### **Clothing:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Layers, many temperature changes each day/area
- \_\_\_\_\_ Warm winter coat, gloves, scarves, neck gaiters, snow hat, long johns
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sturdy shoes as we will be walking on uneven ground
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hats, knit for cold + visor for daytime sun
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rain gear if in weather forecast
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lighter clothing for layering
- \_\_\_\_\_ Everything for all of your planned travel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medications if needed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consider a nightlight for your motel room + door stopper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pack your sense of adventure and humor, this is a “no bellyaching” trip

### **Information:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone numbers, list of participants with cell numbers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Trip packet as provided: maps, schedules, checklists, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Your hotel reservation information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Detail maps of the areas – printed + apps
- \_\_\_\_\_ “Photopills” and “TPE” apps, GPS and map apps to find your way
- \_\_\_\_\_ List of all participants + cell phone numbers

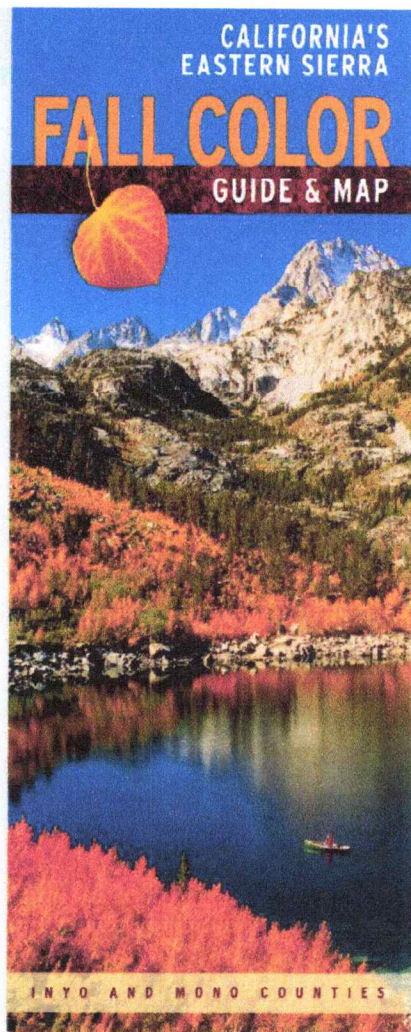
### **Car Needs:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ We recommend you carry snow chains or have AWD or 4x4 with all-weather tires
- \_\_\_\_\_ Know how to put on the chains yourself (gloves, tools & trash bag), front or rear tires?  
If not certain, refer to your car manual
- \_\_\_\_\_ Carry a window “Ice Scraper”
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gas up daily
- \_\_\_\_\_ Carry emergency supplies: blanket, water, food, etc. (supply bag in your car)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Keep cell phones charged
- \_\_\_\_\_ Guidebooks with detail road information, photo sites, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Pack with all info, maps, meeting places
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reminder: we do not “car caravan” like circus elephants, this is too dangerous
- \_\_\_\_\_ Flashlight, car cell phone charger etc. is recommended
- \_\_\_\_\_ Snacks & beverages – we will miss early breakfast and some meals while in the field

### **Preparation:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do all of your research now: photo techniques, places to visit, websites
- \_\_\_\_\_ Book your motels and change early if you want to make changes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Download the apps you want, learn how to use before the trip
- \_\_\_\_\_ Set up your camera settings, reminder cards for settings, clean all lenses, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean your smartphone camera lenses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pack and be ready before we leave, there are limited places to buy equipment on the road
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check weather forecasts just prior to leaving

**Anything else? Are you sure?**



Pick up information brochures at various Visitor Centers and motel lobbies

...or download before your trip

Brochures are available For just about anywhere you would like to visit

Download from:  
[bishopvisitor.com/activities/fall-colors/](http://bishopvisitor.com/activities/fall-colors/)

## 1 BIG PINE CANYON

**Scenic drive:** Head west on Glacier Lodge Road, the journey starts in scrub and sage, winding its way from the valley floor up Big Pine Creek until the road ends near the old Glacier Lodge. The road winds upward from 4,000 to 8,000 feet with aspen, cottonwood and willows hugging the sides of the creek and canyon walls. **Tip:** Hike farther up the canyon for grand alpine scenery and views of the Palisade Glacier, the southernmost glacier in North America.

## 2 CITY OF BISHOP

**Scenic drive:** Head east from US 395 toward the Owens River, where large stands of cottonwood grace the valley floor with brilliant gold. **Tip:** Visit the Bishop City Park for a morning stroll or afternoon picnic. It's an arboretum with dozens of colorful trees and a picture perfect pond that's home to mallard ducks and rainbow trout.

## 3 BISHOP CREEK CANYON

**Scenic drive:** Just 20 minutes from Bishop, Lake Sabrina, South Lake and North Lake offer gorgeous views of surrounding 13,000' peaks dusted with snow for contrasting beauty. **Tip:** Check out the waterfall across the road from Bishop Creek Lodge. **Tip:** Rent a boat at Lake Sabrina or South Lake to fish and capture unforgettable photos.

## 4 BUTTERMILK RECREATION AREA

**Scenic drive:** 7 miles west of downtown Bishop via Highway 168, you'll find the road to Buttermilk Recreation Area. It's a beautiful place to soak up sun among giant boulders and rock formations. Dozens of dirt roads zigzag throughout this world famous rock climbing destination, where stands of aspen cluster around streams. **Fun Fact:** "The Buttermilks" were named during the 1800s when ranchers from the north brought their goat milk to sell to Bishop residents, the bumpy road turned the milk into buttermilk.

## 5 ROUND VALLEY

**Scenic drive:** Tour this historic ranching area by car for awesome views of Wheeler Crest, Mt. Tom and Bishop Creek Canyon. Round Valley's huge cottonwoods and poplars hold their fall colors late into the season. **Tip:** Good hiking trails are available in Pine Creek Canyon and Lower Rock Creek Road.

## 6 LOWER ROCK CREEK

**Scenic hike:** Just south of Tom's Place, the multi-use trailhead begins at the top of Lower Rock Creek Road. The first and highest section of the trail offers the best display of creekside aspen groves. **Tip:** Mountain bikers, hikers and anglers all share this trail.

## 7 ROCK CREEK CANYON

**Scenic drive:** The nine-mile road (14.5 k) that slices through this glacier-carved canyon is lined with aspen stands, campgrounds, rustic lodges, trails and Rock Creek itself—making it a gorgeous autumn drive. **Tip:** The Little Lakes Valley Trail at the end of Rock Creek Road is popular for good reason: hikers should arrive early for parking.

## 8 MCGEE CREEK CANYON

**Scenic hike:** A steady 3-mile climb, the trail to the beaver pond winds along McGee Creek and through brilliant aspen groves. **Tip:** Horseback riding trips are available with McGee Creek Park Station.

## 9 CONVICT LAKE

Easily accessible by car, this vivid blue lake is a perfect contrast to bright gold aspens. The hiking trail around Convict Lake provides a great fall color excursion for families. **Tip:** Convict Lake Resort has overnight cabin rentals, boats for rent, horseback rides and an excellent restaurant.

## 10 MAMMOTH LAKES

During fall, Mammoth Lakes brims with glowing leaves. Here are some top spots—**Sherwin Creek/Mammoth Creek:** Check out natural solitude at the Sherwin Creek camping area and hiking trails, accessible by a dirt road off Sherwin Creek Road. **Mammoth Lakes Basin:** Relax in the setting of five renowned fishing lakes just minutes from the center of town. Various hiking trails allow for quick elevation gain over the basin. **Mammoth Scenic Loop:** A wonderful scenic drive with the option for an easy side trip to Inyo Craters. **Reds Meadow:** When you're in the mood for a full excursion, Reds Meadow is a must-see with Devils Postpile National Monument, Rainbow Falls and the San Joaquin River. **Tip:** No need to figure out your day—have Mammoth All Weather Shuttle Tours take you on a sightseeing trip.

## 11 JUNE LAKE LOOP

**Scenic drive:** Especially amazing in fall, "The Loop" (Highway 158) is the quintessential autumn drive—featuring waterfalls, four lakes, Rush Creek and a charming village. **Tip:** Hike the family-friendly Gull Lake Trail or the colorful trail to Parker Lake.

## 12 SAGEHEN SUMMIT

**Scenic drive:** South off Highway 120 East, Sagehen Meadows Road is a wide, well-graded dirt road surrounded by dense aspen groves that usually turn deep orange and crimson. **Tip:** Beyond Sagehen Meadows viewpoint, the dirt road network requires an Inyo National Forest map and a 4WD vehicle.

## 13 LEE VINING CANYON

**Scenic drive:** Highway 120 West to Tioga Pass—and Yosemite National Park's east entrance—has dramatic views of Lee Vining Canyon, graced with aspen groves. **Tip:** Be sure to visit the South Tufa State Reserve at Mono Lake, a sanctuary for millions of migrating birds.

## 14 LUNDY CANYON

**Scenic drive:** A scenic fall drive, Lundy Canyon Road ends at a popular hiking trail, where the view of Lundy Falls surrounded with colorful aspens appears within the first mile. **Tip:** Hikers should arrive early to find parking.

## MOUNTAIN MANNERS

Like all parents, Mother Nature loves good manners! Here are a few Mountain Manners etiquette tips to help protect the Eastern Sierra:

**MANNER #1: Follow the Beaten Path** — Straying from designated paths can cause harmful erosion, so we ask you to take the road most traveled (with apologies to Robert Frost).

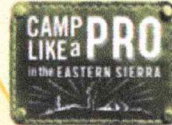
**MANNER #2: Scoop the Poop** — Your #2 is becoming our #1 issue. If it's your pet's, please pick it up! If it's your own, bury your business 6-8 inches or better yet, pack it out.

**MANNER #3: Don't Mess with Fire** — Follow all fire regulations and make sure your campfire is completely out before you leave it. Don't build a fire in windy conditions; trust us—one spark can destroy it all.

**MANNER #4: Gather Up Garbage** — Please pack out litter—even when it's not yours! Nothing makes Mother Nature happier. Remember, food scraps and orange peels are litter too.

**MANNER #5: Don't Feed the Bears or deer, birds, chipmunks, etc.** Please keep yourself—and your food—out of the reach of all wildlife.

—THANK YOU!



For info on how and where to camp like a pro, visit [www.ESSRP.org/camping](http://www.ESSRP.org/camping)



## 15 VIRGINIA LAKES

**Scenic drive:** At the top of Conway Summit, the five-mile Virginia Lakes Road glows with thick aspen groves on both sides. **Tip:** Anglers! Big and Little Virginia lakes are well-stocked with rainbow trout.

## 16 CONWAY SUMMIT

**Scenic drive:** Easily viewed from US 395, Conway Summit in fall is a multi-layered canvas of autumn color. **Tip:** Just south of the 8,900' (2,713 m) pass, the Mono Lake Vista pull-out is another scenic photo op.

## 17 GREEN CREEK

**Scenic drive and hike:** Two miles (3.2 k) south of the town of Bridgeport, Green Creek Road is about an 8-mile drive to thick aspen groves, a campground and the Green Creek trail to Green Lake, East and West lakes. **Tip:** While not a fall color destination, don't miss a visit to nearby Bodie State Historic Park, the largest unrestored ghost town in the West.

## 18 TWIN LAKES - BRIDGEPORT

**Scenic drive:** With expansive ranch lands, views of the Sawtooth Ridge, and the lakes' brilliant aspen and cottonwood—well, this is why the "Sunday Drive" was invented! **Tip:** The Twin Lakes Recreation Area is home to some of the best hiking, camping, fishing and boating in the Sierra.

## 19 SONORA PASS

**Scenic drive:** Half-way between Bridgeport and Walker, Highway 108 winds through sage-filled meadows intersected by the "Wild & Scenic" West Walker River. Above the orange-gold hues of Leavitt Meadows, the road becomes steep with sharp curves up to the pass. **Tip:** Not recommended for long trailers. **Tip:** On the east side of the pass, stop at the pull-out overlook to view roaring Leavitt Falls.

## 20 WALKER RIVER CANYON

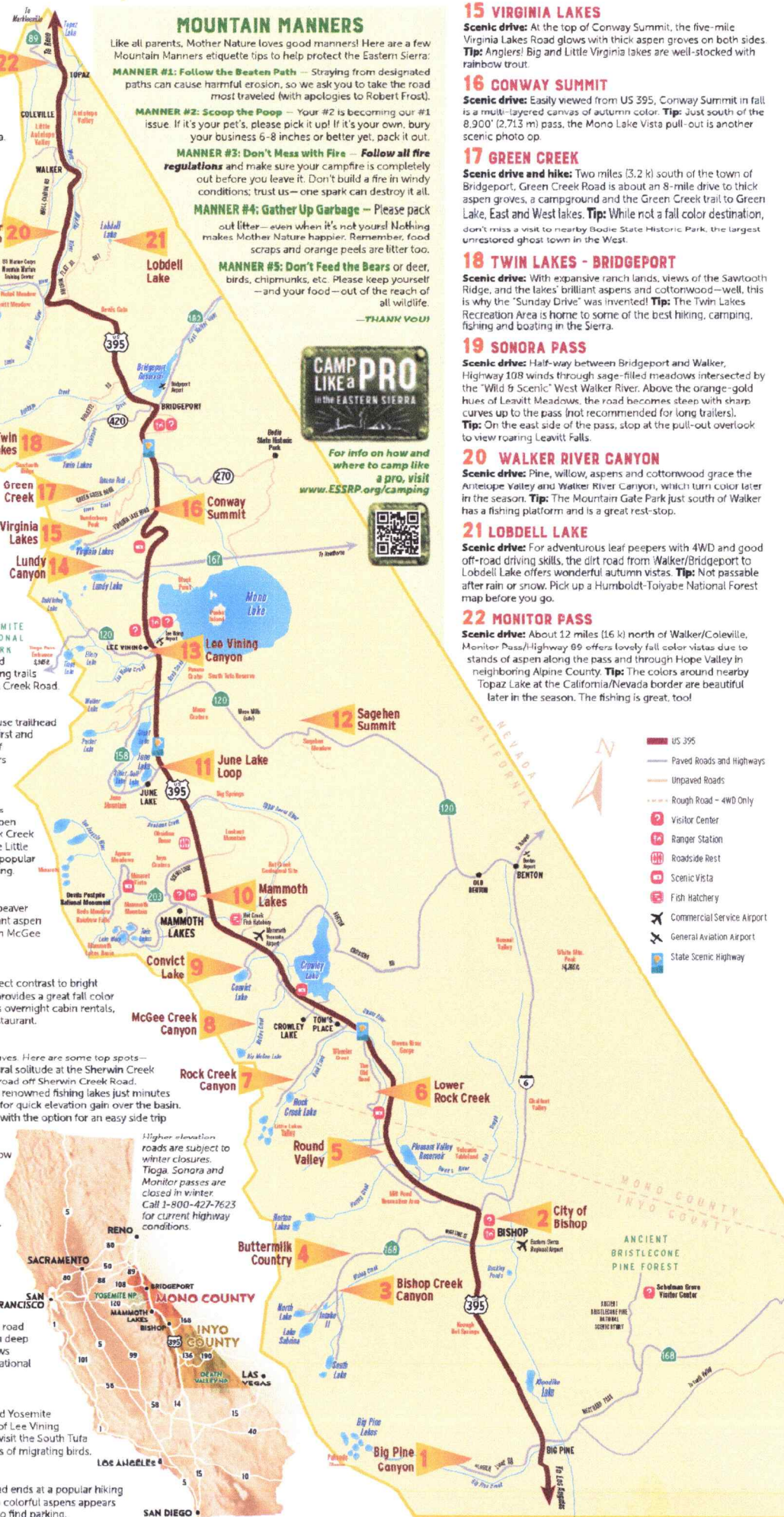
**Scenic drive:** Pine, willow, aspens and cottonwood grace the Antelope Valley and Walker River Canyon, which turn color later in the season. **Tip:** The Mountain Gate Park just south of Walker has a fishing platform and is a great rest-stop.

## 21 LOBDELL LAKE

**Scenic drive:** For adventurous leaf peepers with 4WD and good off-road driving skills, the dirt road from Walker/Bridgeport to Lobdell Lake offers wonderful autumn vistas. **Tip:** Not passable after rain or snow. Pick up a Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest map before you go.

## 22 MONITOR PASS

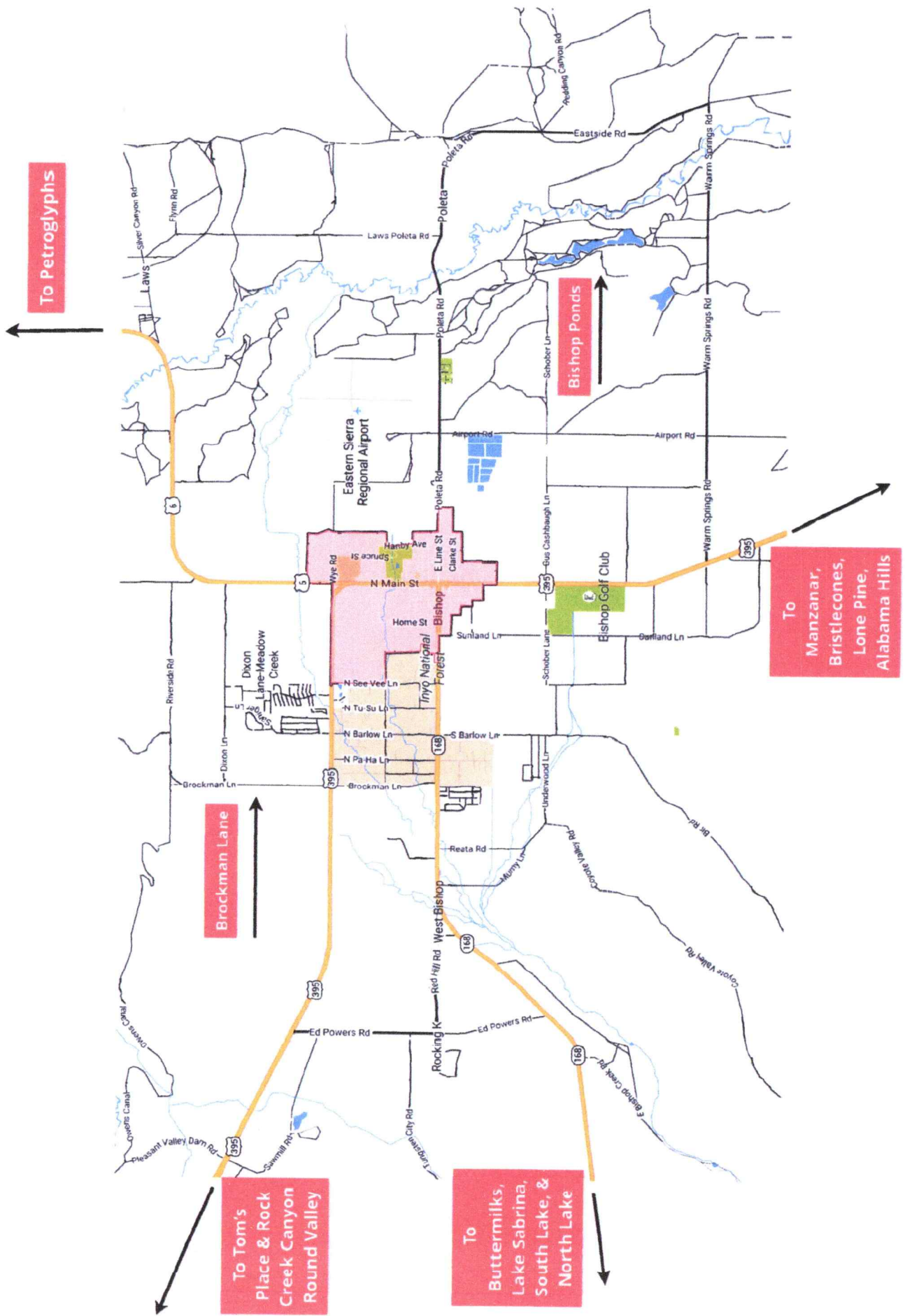
**Scenic drive:** About 12 miles (16 k) north of Walker/Coleville, Monitor Pass/Highway 69 offers lovely fall color vistas due to stands of aspen along the pass and through Hope Valley in neighboring Alpine County. **Tip:** The colors around nearby Topaz Lake at the California/Nevada border are beautiful later in the season. The fishing is great, too!



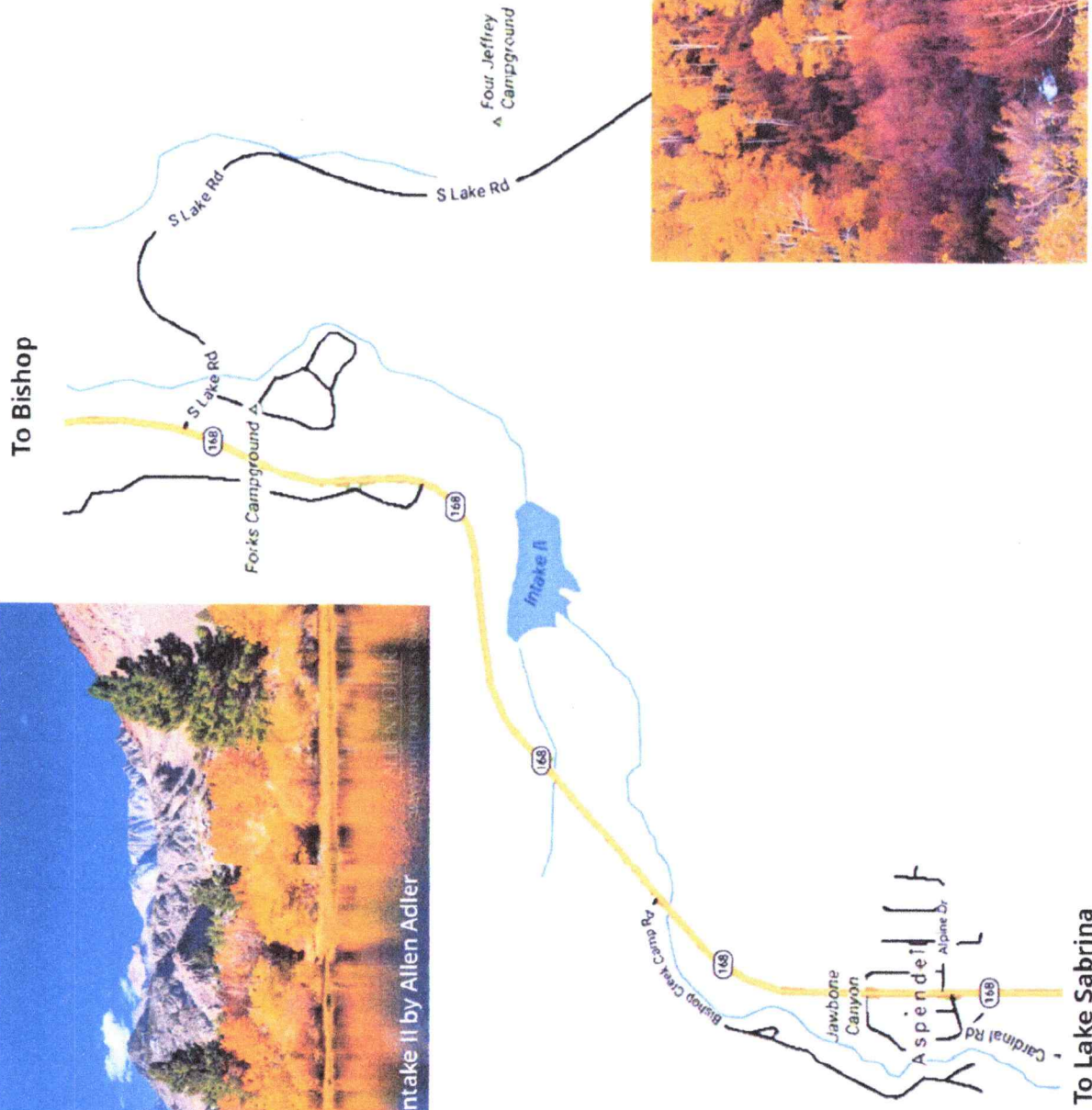
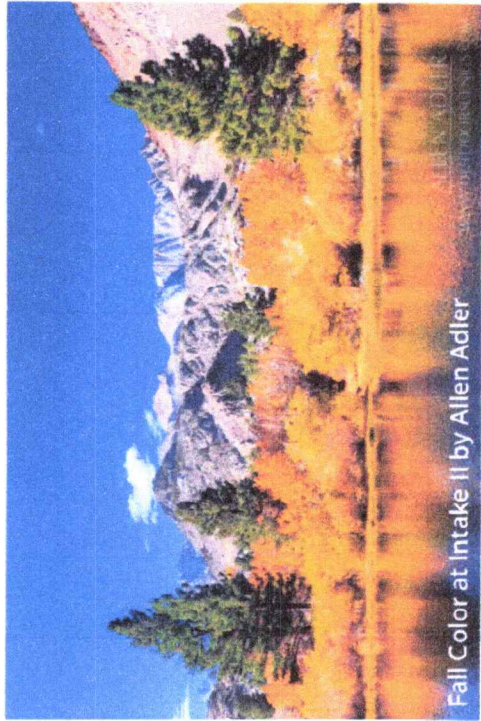
- US 395
- Paved Roads and Highways
- Unpaved Roads
- Rough Road - 4WD Only
- Visitor Center
- Ranger Station
- Roadside Rest
- Scenic Vista
- Fish Hatchery
- Commercial Service Airport
- General Aviation Airport
- State Scenic Highway

Higher elevation roads are subject to winter closures. Tioga, Sonora and Monitor passes are closed in winter. Call 1-800-427-7623 for current highway conditions.

# Bishop California



# Fall Color at Intake II Lake off Lake Sabrina Road and off South Lake Road



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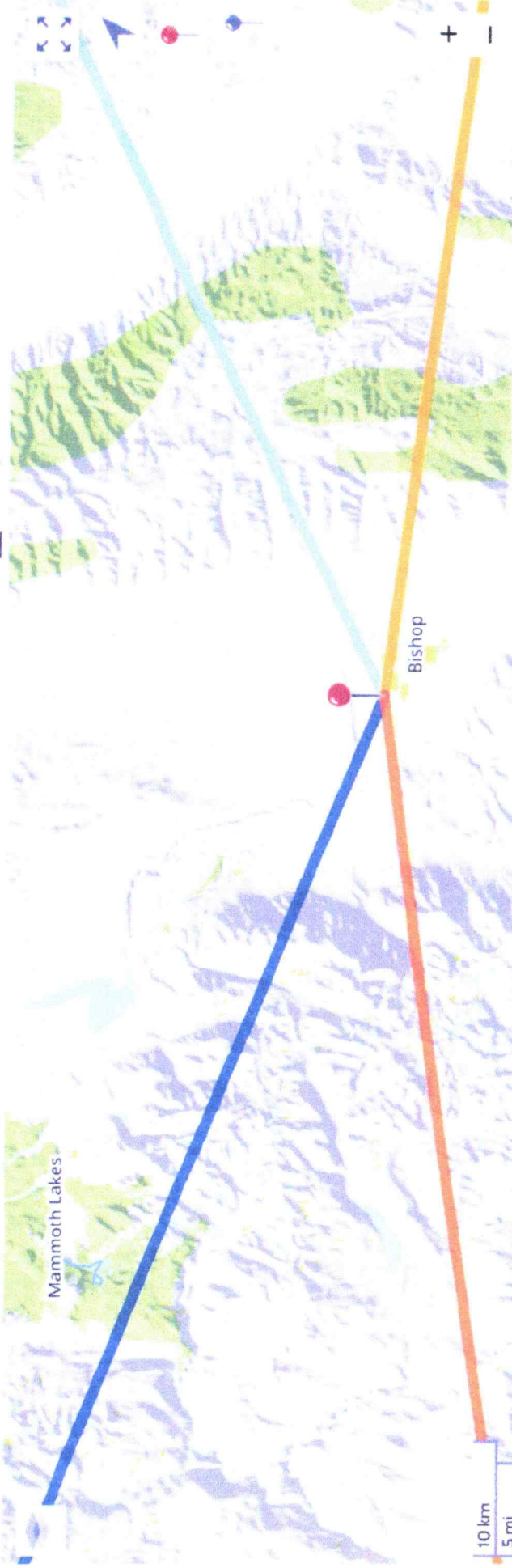
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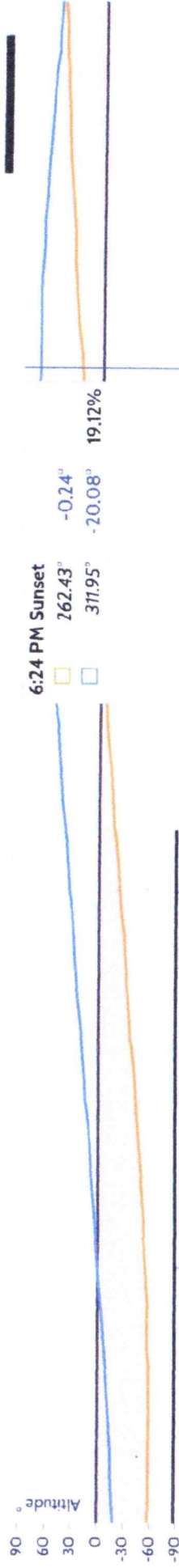
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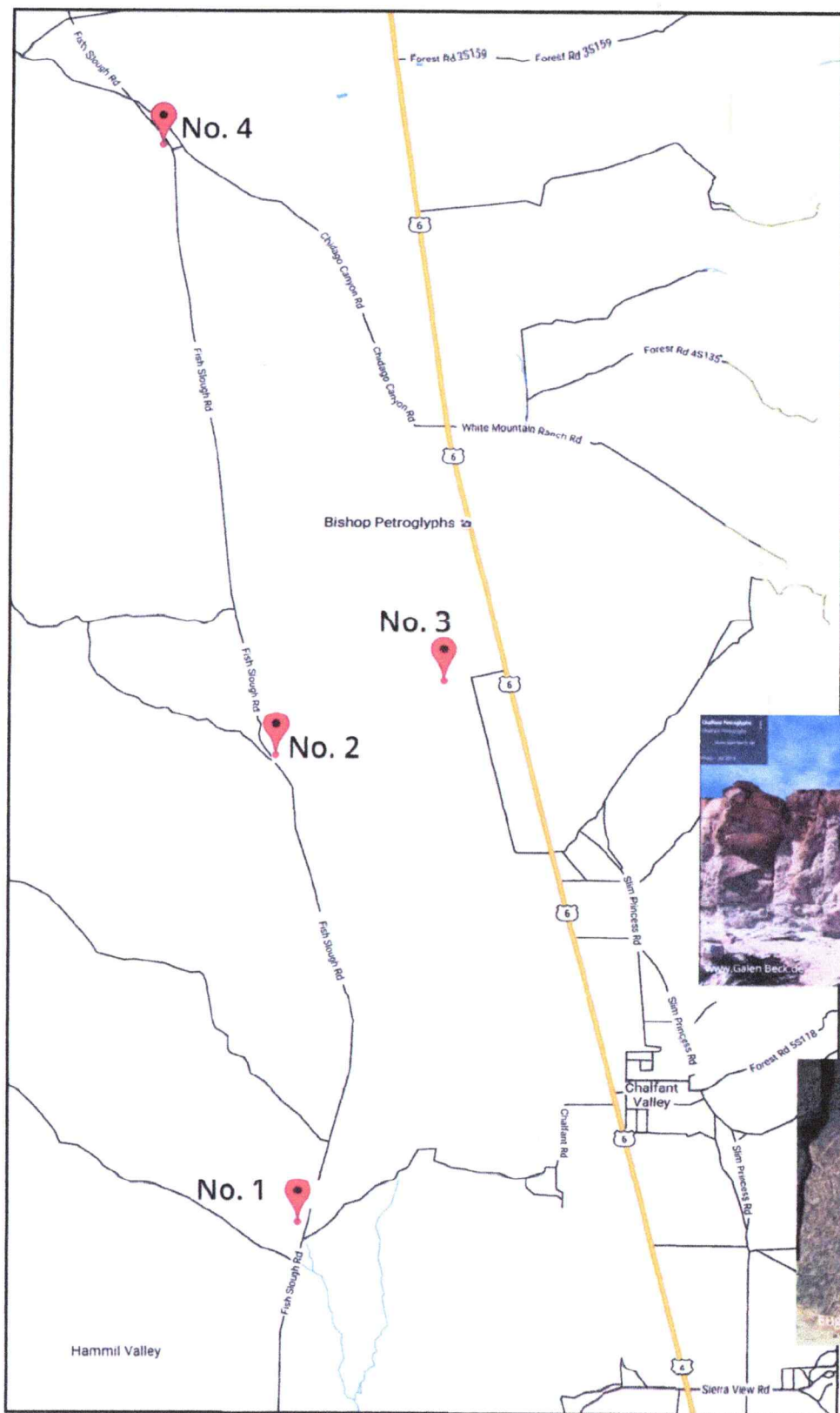
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# Petroglyphs Near Bishop California

Source - Eugene Carsey

<http://www.eugene carsey.com/etroglyphs/chidago.htm>



**4. Red Canyon Petroglyph N**  
37°39.058 W 118°26.133 (about 20-mi North of Bishop)  
Petroglyphs are at the junction of Chidago Canyon Road and Fish Slough Road.

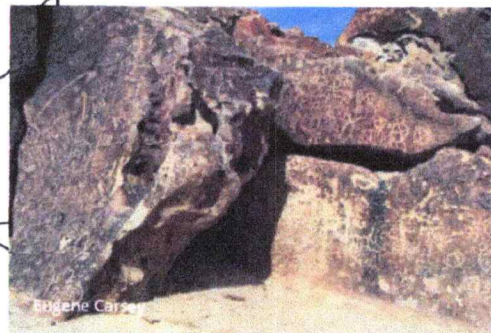
**3. Chalfant Petroglyphs**  
N 37°34.838 W 118°23.796 (about 17-mi North of Bishop)  
Petroglyphs are off of CA 6.

**2. Chidago Petroglyphs**  
N 37°34.290 W 118°25.060 (about 15-mi North of Bishop)  
Petroglyphs are off Fish Slough

**1. Fish Slough Petroglyphs**  
N 37°30.796 W 118°24.897 (about 11-mi North of Bishop)  
Petroglyphs are off Fish Slough Road and CA 3V01



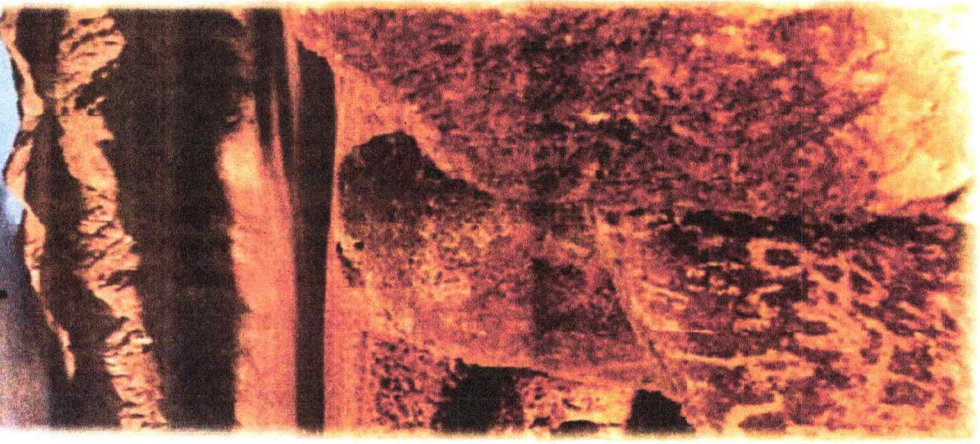
Chalfant Petroglyphs by Galen Beck



Chidago Petroglyphs by Eugene Carsey

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# Bishop Petroglyph Loop



## PLEASE HELP US PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE.

Take only pictures, drawings and your memories, leaving the pieces of the past for everyone to experience and enjoy.

Report looting and vandalism. Notify a nearby Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, or National Park office. The Bishop BLM can be reached at (760) 872-5000. For dispatch, call (760) 872-2405.

Leave all artifacts undisturbed and in place. Encourage others to do the same.

Do not climb on or touch petroglyphs or pictographs. Hand oils and climbers increase erosive processes and decrease the life of these fragile, irreplaceable stories of the past.

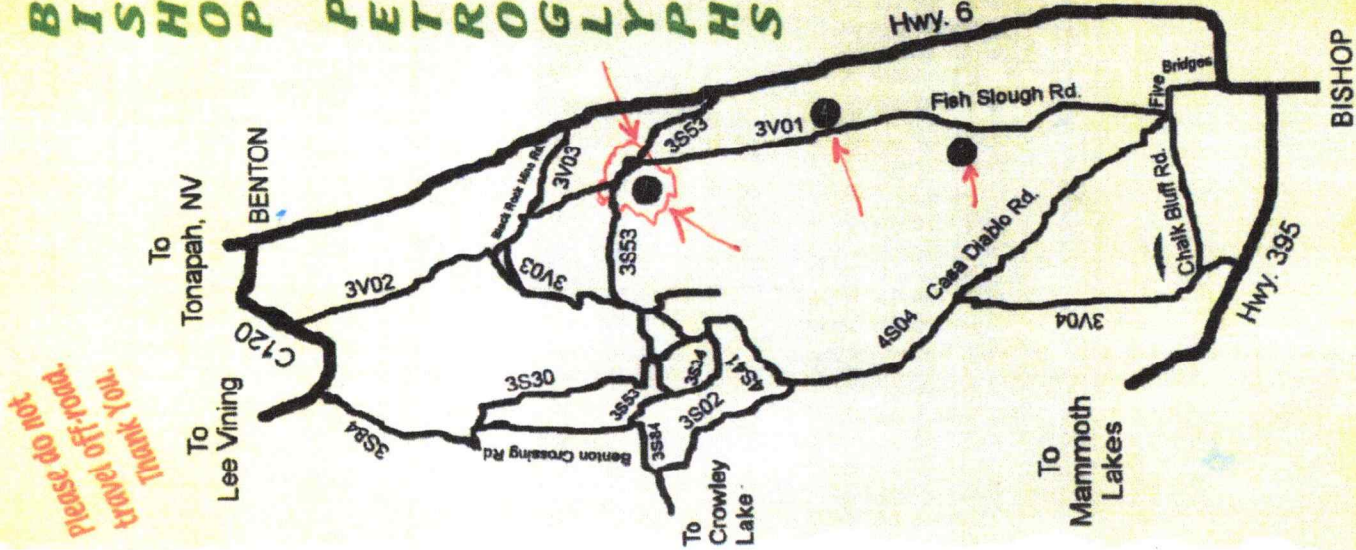
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## BISHOP PETROGLYPHS



Please do not  
travel off-road.  
Thank You!



## DIRECTIONS

Those visitors leaving from Bishop should plan to allow at least 3 hours to complete the Bishop Petroglyph Loop. Fish Slough and Chidago Canyon Roads are well maintained county dirt roads. They tend to be washboarded but are passable by most passenger vehicles during good weather. Please maintain safe speeds and avoid parking in the soft soils on the side of the road.



Begin at the north end of Bishop at the intersection of Hwy. 395 and Hwy 6.

- 0.0 Take U.S. Hwy. 6 towards Tonopah, Nevada.
- 1.4 Turn left on five Bridges Road and proceed past the gravel pit.
- 3.9 Turn right (north) on Fish Slough Road (Rd. 3V01).
- 10.7 FISH SLOUGH PETROGLYPHS, located on the left down a very short spur road with parking at the end.
- 15.0 Continue north to the CHIDAGO PETROGLYPHS which will be found on the right side of the road inside of a chain link fence.
- 20.7 Continue north to the RED ROCK PETROGLYPHS, which are on the left side of Fish Slough Road at a large outcrop of Bishop Tuff.

With your back to the Red Rock Petroglyphs, take the 1/10 mile cutoff toward the White Mountains to connect with Chicago Canyon Rd. Turn right on Chicago Canyon and travel east toward Highway 6. Turn right on Highway 6 and travel south back to Bishop. For more information about Native American culture, visit the Paiute-Shoshone Indian Cultural Center and Museum on West Line Street near Bishop.

## ROCK ART

Ancient Native peoples carved designs called petroglyphs and painted designs called pictographs into the face of rocks, cliffs and cave walls in the valleys of California's Eastern Sierra. Although we often do not fully understand the ideas and stories they represent, we can all enjoy and appreciate their beauty and enigmatic character.



Rock art is fragile and irreplaceable and often carries significant spiritual value for Native Americans. Please treat these works of art with respect and reverence so that they may be passed on from generation to generation as they have been for the past five thousand years or longer.

## PRESERVATION

Few of California's pristine prehistoric and historic archaeological sites still exist. Why? Deliberate looting, vandalism and casual collecting have damaged many sites and destroyed important pieces of our past.

Defacing petroglyphs and pictographs and collecting artifacts as souvenirs are against the law and cause serious damage. Once an artifact is removed from its original site, it loses much of its special meaning and the story of the past that it can tell has been lost forever.

It's as if several chapters were ripped out of a mystery novel.

In 1906, recognizing a need to protect our special cultural heritage, Congress passed the Antiquities Act which prohibits actions that "appropriate, excavate, injure, or destroy any object of antiquity." In recent years, stricter laws, such as the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, have been passed with more severe penalties of up to ten years in prison and/or \$100,000 in fines as well as civil penalties such as vehicle confiscation and/or site restoration costs.