Rising from the floor of the Great Basin—the vast expanse between the Rocky and the Sierra Nevada Mountains where creeks and rivers flow inward rather than to the ocean—the steep green mountains of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest provides critical water, wildlife habitat, relief from heat, and “accessible isolation” for visitors and valley residents. Ghost towns and historic mining cabins dot these vast, remote, largely undiscovered sky islands that offer freedom, solitude, and a sense of discovery and adventure for self-reliant visitors. Although mostly remote, the forest also borders some of the busiest urban areas in the country—Las Vegas and Reno.

This Visitor Guide provides the information you need to make the most of your Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest experience.

Islands in the Sky

Includes Spring Mountains National Recreation Area

Horse petroglyph

Fast Forest Facts

Acres: 6.3 million (the largest national forest in the contiguous United States)

Elevations: Nevada is the most mountainous state in the contiguous United States

Superlatives: The Forest encompasses 80,000-100,000 archeological sites

Come join us for a grand adventure!

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Bristlecone Pine (© Susan Elliott)

Wild burro in Lee Canyon

Beaver Haven, Lamoille Canyon
Several Native American tribes claim Humboldt-Toiyabe lands as part of their ancestral homelands, including Southern Paiute, Northern Paiute, Western Shoshone, and Washoe Indians. All are descendants of the prehistoric peoples that inhabited the vast landscape stretching east from the Sierra Nevada Mountains across the basin and range lands of Nevada. Evidence of both historic camps and prehistoric occupations are abundant throughout the forest. Dating as long as 13,000 years ago are Bald Mountain Wash on the Tonopah District, and Toquima Cave on the Austin District.

Europeans began to travel through the Great Basin as early as the 17th century. However, it was not until the American westward expansion of the 19th century, spurred on by the 1849 California Gold Rush, that full-scale settlement occurred. The Comstock Lode was the first major discovery of silver ore and is located under what is now Virginia City Historic District east of Reno. After the discovery was made in 1859 prospectors rushed to stake their claims. Mining camps thrived, becoming bustling centers of fabulous wealth. Much of the billions of board feet of wood used for the mining operations were cut from the mountains that now comprise the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Following the Comstock strike, prospectors roamed farther eastward across Nevada in search of new ore deposits. From 1860 through the early 1900s, prospectors seemingly searched every hill and canyon, eventually supporting mining camps across the state. Nearly a hundred mining towns and camps now lie within the boundaries of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Historic roads and trails link these towns and districts together.

As early as the 1890s, lands were set aside as forest reserves, in recognition of the need to protect watersheds (including those being grazed by cattle and sheep) and to conserve timber resources. Components of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest continued to be set aside for the next 30 years.

The Depression Era saw thousands of young men completing public works projects on the national forest, including the construction of roads, trails, campgrounds, and ranger stations. The Paradise Valley Ranger Station on the Santa Rosa District and the Gold Creek Ranger Station on the Mountain City Ranger District have been maintained to historic standards and are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today people value the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest for its vast open spaces, wilderness, and conservation of flora and fauna. These resources belong to all Americans; however, they rely on our stewardship if they are to be sustained for future generations.

Prehistoric and historic sites and artifacts are irreplaceable resources that provide clues and understanding into our collective heritage. It is illegal to damage or remove artifacts. When visiting these sites:

**Do ~**
- Use designated trails or walk on slickrock
- Leave all artifacts in place
- Take photos or sketch rock art
- View structures from a distance
- Let others enjoy the thrill of discovery

**Don’t ~**
- Create new trails or paths
- Gather artifacts into piles or take them home
- Touch or leave marks on rock art (the oil in your fingers may damage the fragile art)
- Sit or walk on walls, or enter structures
- Reveal site locations on websites or give out GPS coordinates

For more information on the heritage resources of the forest, visit the heritage page at: www.fs.usda.gov/htnf/
The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest spans elevations from 4,100 feet to over 12,374 feet, creating a diversity of wildlife habitats. Some of the largest areas include the following:

### Alpine

Alpine habitats are usually at an altitude of 10,000 feet or more above the snow line where trees are unable to grow. The alpine habitat is very much like tundra--both are very cold and dry throughout the year. Because of the severe climate, alpine plants and animals have developed adaptations to cope with those conditions. Species that make their home here include pika, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, cougar, rabbits, and raptors.

### Bristlecone Pine

These extraordinary trees can reach an age far greater than that of any other single living organism known, living to nearly 5,000 years old. The wood is very dense and resinsous, and thus resistant to invasion by insects, fungi, and other potential pests. As the tree ages, much of its bark may die, often leaving only a narrow strip of living tissue to connect the roots to the handful of live branches. Trees can remain standing for thousands of years after dying, and will finally fall over when the roots decay or are worn away by erosion. Clark's nutcrackers frequent bristlecone pine forests, along with elk.

### Sagebrush

Sagebrush is well adapted to little rain, heavy winds, hot summers, and cold winters. Sage sparrows, sage thrashers, and loggerhead shrikes all build their nests in the plant's branches while other birds, including larks and burrowing owls, nest on the ground in stands of sagebrush. The sage grouse is dependent on sagebrush habitat for nesting and a food source while the pygmy rabbit depends on sagebrush habitat for cover and forage. Antelope, wild horse, burro, and mule deer also frequent sagebrush areas.

### Aspen Woodlands

These areas are an important and easily recognizable forest type in the Interior West. Brilliant fall foliage and stark white bark make them a popular photographer's target. Aspen is a clonal species that produces individual but genetically identical stems from a single plant. One clone can cover over a hundred acres. Common wildlife found here include mule deer, elk, and cavity-nesting birds.

### Pinyon-Juniper

The pinyon-juniper woodlands are an extensively distributed rangeland community type in the Great Basin, and support the largest nesting bird species list of any upland vegetation type in the West. Pinyon pine and juniper provide fuelwood, posts, and poles. Pinyon nuts are a valued food item and are harvested for personal use and commercial sale; juniper berries are used in the distillation of gin.

Many animal species find refuge in pinyon-juniper woodlands, including mule deer, elk, desert cottontail, pinyon jays, and Clark's nutcrackers.

The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 declared that wild, free-roaming horses and burros are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West--contributing to the diversity of life forms within the nation while enriching the lives of the American people. The Humboldt-Toiyabe provides a home to approximately 2,500 wild horses and 600 burros on 16 territories. These territories account for half of the populated territories managed by the Forest Service.

### Wildlife Viewing Ethics

- Give wildlife their space. Use those binoculars!
- If you find what you believe to be an “orphaned” or sick animal, leave it alone. Often the parents are close by and are waiting for you to leave.
- Pets should be restrained at all times.
- Do not feed wildlife. Animals that become habituated to handouts can eventually become nuisances, losing their instinctive fears of people. Often the only solution is to euthanize the animal.
- Leave the area if an animal shows signs of alarm. Watch and listen for raised ears, skittish movements, or alarm calls.
Fees range from $10-$35 depending on amenities, and are subject to change.

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Toquima Cave
Accessed via a short trail in the Toquima Cave Campground, this cave depicts paintings from people that were here thousands of years ago. The meanings behind the pictographs found on these walls are something we do not understand, but anthropologists believe that they provide us with information about prehistoric society. Today, the site is sacred to the Shoshone people and protected from entry. An interior camera view can be found here – http://www.allaroundnevada.com/toquima-cave/
Looking north to Toiyabe Peak from Park Canyon

The photos above and below are the remains of Three Level Mill in Park Canyon

View south towards Tonopah from the summit of Mt. Jefferson in the Alta Toquima Wilderness (© Dennis Poulin)

Wilderness

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<tr>
<td>Table Mountain</td>
<td>92,600</td>
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Forest Supervisor's Office
District Ranger Office
Roads
Scenic Byway
Scenic Overlook
Picnic Area
Campground
Visitor Center

Scale 1:450,000

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Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

Zig-zagging its way from Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon, and Washington, the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) boasts the greatest elevation changes of any of America’s National Scenic Trails. The trail passes through six out of seven of North America’s ecozones including high and low desert, old-growth forest, and artic-alpine country. The 2,650-mile PCT is a trail of diversity and extremes.

On the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, the PCT can be accessed from Leavitt Lake and Sonora Pass on the Bridgeport Ranger District, and from Ebbetts Pass and Tamarack Trailheads on the Carson Ranger District. For more information, visit www.pcta.org.

Common species in this area are non-native rainbow, brown, and brook trout. Native Lahontan cutthroat trout are found in a few streams on the District, and golden trout may also be found in a few lakes. Many lakes historically were not inhabited with fish, but have been stocked over the last century with non-native rainbow, brook, and brown trout. Try out some of these popular spots:

- Buckeye Creek
- Desert Creek
- East Fork & West Fork Walker River
- Green Creek
- Hoover Wilderness Lakes
- Lagunita Lake
- Robinson Creek, Twin Lakes, and Headwater Lakes
- Virginia Creek

Fishing

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## Campgrounds

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### GROUP SITES

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### DAY USE (open May-Oct.)

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## Bridgeport Winter Recreation Area

The Bridgeport Winter Recreation Area is a designated motorized winter recreation area. Much of the boundary of the area follows ridgelines and is posted in the area. Riders need to know where they are so that they don’t inadvertently stray into the Emigrant Wilderness, Hoover Wilderness or onto the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail—which of which are closed to motorized use. Visit the Bridgeport Ranger Station for more information, or download a map of the riding area from [www.fs.usda.gov/htnf/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/htnf/).

### Wilderness

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<td>Hoover</td>
<td>128,421</td>
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<td>Sawtooth Ridge Zone (in Hoover)</td>
<td>8,0</td>
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*Quota season: Last Friday in June through September 15th, reservations required.*

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To make reservations use the National Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

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*Courtesy of Vic Bradfield*

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*Alpine lake in the Hoover Wilderness (© Peter Druschke)*
To Susanville, CA
- Lookout
- Mt Rose
- Kit Carson
- Crystal Springs
- Hope Valley
To Fallon, NV
- Sparks
- Mt Rose Wilderness
- Bridgeport Ranger District
- Red Lake Peak winter scenery
- View along the Tahoe Rim Trail
- Red Lake Peak winter scenery
- Snow in the High Sierra
- Lake Tahoe - Eastshore National Scenic Byway
- Carson-Iceberg Wilderness
- Maximum Group Size 15/25
- Permits Required?
- Yes
- No
- Maximum Group Size 8/15
- Permits Required?
- No*
- No camping within 100 feet of streams. No fires allowed above 8,000 feet, including Winnemucca Round Top Fourth of July and Emigrant Lakes.

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<td>Mount Rose</td>
<td>31,310</td>
<td>12/8</td>
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<td>Mokelumne</td>
<td>99161</td>
<td>8/15</td>
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*Wilderness permits are not required, but campfire permits are required for all open fires (including camp stoves).

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### Campgrounds

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### Trails

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The Tahoe Rim Trail Association is a volunteer organization established to plan, construct, and maintain the Tahoe Rim Trail. This 165-mile single-track trail is open to hiking, equestrians, and mountain biking (in most areas). The trail encompasses the ridge tops of the Lake Tahoe Basin, crossing six counties and two states. Visit them on the web:

http://www.tahoerimtrail.org/

Mountain lion

Hoary marmot, sometimes called whistling pig (© Fremme)
Snowmobiling

The fabulous winter scenery of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is accessible to people of all ages who enjoy the excitement of snowmobile travel. Snowmobile routes are open when there is sufficient snow to protect resources (approximately eight inches in most places). Snowy conditions can start as early as late October and can last until April or May. Snowmobiling is not allowed in Wilderness areas.

Highlights:
* Hope Valley - 40 miles south of Carson City off Hwy 88. All California state regulations and permits apply. For more information, visit www.ohv.parks.ca.gov
* Tahoe Meadows - Off Mt. Rose Highway Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Snowmobiling is allowed on the north side of Hwy 431. The south side is designated for non-motorized activities.

Skiing

Tahoe Meadows, along the Mt. Rose Scenic Byway, provides backcountry skiing opportunities. Parking is limited on weekends and holidays; try a weekday to avoid the congestion.

Mt. Rose Ski Resort is considered to be the “birthplace of alpine skiing.” This beautiful resort is just 25 minutes from Reno, Nevada on the Mt. Rose Scenic Byway. For more information, visit www.skirose.com

Check the Snow Before You Go

The Sierra Avalanche Center provides 24/7 forecasting of avalanche conditions and offers classes throughout the winter season. Visit them at www.sierraavalanchecenter.org

Fishing

Several streams on the Carson Ranger District in the Sierra Nevada provide a multitude of fishing opportunities. The most common fish are non-native rainbow, brown, and brook trout. Native Lahontan cutthroat trout are found in a few streams on the District, and golden trout may also be found. Many lakes historically were not inhabited with fish, but have been stocked over the last century with non-native trout. Popular areas include:

- Alpine County Lakes
- Blue Lakes
- East Fork Carson River
- Herman Lake
- Hot Springs Creek
- Silver Creek
- Truckee River
- West Fork Carson River
- Wolf Creek

Carson River

Traversing a variety of ecosystems, the Carson River descends the eastern slope of the Sierra. It runs through granite canyons with pine forests and alpine meadows to emerge into the sagebrush covered foothills and desert canyons of Nevada. The East Fork of the Carson offers whitewater used extensively by commercial and private rafters. May through July (water levels permitting).

Slide Mountain

The Ophir Creek Trail accesses two small but scenic lakes, a beautiful two-mile long subalpine meadow, tumbling Ophir Creek, and the evidence of a major geological catastrophe. In the spring of 1983, the entire flank of appropriately named Slide Mountain, saturated with meltwater from the thawing winter snows, broke loose and plunged into the canyon of Ophir Creek and partially filled Upper Price Lake with rock debris.
The Mt. Rose Highway (SR431) rises in dramatic fashion from the sage-covered foothills of the Truckee Meadows, topping the Carson Range of the Sierra Nevada Mountains at 8,911 feet. It is the highest all-season pass in the Sierra. Near its summit, the highway passes through the beautiful, high alpine Tahoe Meadows, a favorite all-season recreation area for local residents. The highway then descends through pine forests, finally joining Highway 28 at incline Village on the north shore of Lake Tahoe.

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**Lake Tahoe-Eastshore Drive National Scenic Byway**

Length: 28 mi/45 km
Time to Allow: 1-2 hours

Lake Tahoe Byway offers breathtaking views of the crystal clear lake, towering pine trees, and snow-capped mountains, earning it the title, “The Most Beautiful Drive in America.” Part of the Pony Express Trail and home to the historic sacred grounds of the Washoe Indians, Lake Tahoe offers something for everyone year-round.

**Mt. Rose State Scenic Highway**

Length: 19 mi/31 km
Time to Allow: 30-45 minutes

**Galena Creek Visitor Center**

The Galena Creek Visitor Center aims to increase public understanding, appreciation, and wise enjoyment of the many natural, cultural, historical, and recreational resources of the Galena Canyon area and the Mount Rose Scenic Byway. Located on the Mt. Rose Scenic Byway (Nevada Highway 431), the center offers programs and information for those heading up the byway or looking for something to do for an afternoon. There are hiking trails, fishing, and summer camps to enjoy. For more information, call (775) 849-4948.

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Cave Lake Trails

With 12.5 miles of trails, Cave Lake offers some of the finest single-track in the area, but is also open to hiking and horse use. These trails are set in a beautiful basin with a lake and limestone cliffs—easily one of the most scenic spots in White Pine County. If you have a high-clearance vehicle or don’t mind punishing your car a little bit, be sure to check out Cave Mountain and the Success Loop two gorgeous drives to fill the rest of the afternoon. The State Park also has two campgrounds (with hot showers) that fill up quickly in the summertime.

Located 40 miles East and South of Eureka, NV on US Highway 50, the White Pine Mining District is very popular with visitors to Eastern Nevada. The district contains multiple ghost towns, with names like Shermantown, Hamilton, Treasure City and Eberhardt. One of the shortest and most intensive 1860s mining booms in the West, White Pine Mining District once contained three-quarters of Nevada’s population. Treasure City, at the top of Treasure Hill, was the heart of the mining operations. Lasting only a few years, the feverish excitement about the profits to be had at White Pine was short-lived. Visit the site virtually at http://www.pbs.org/video/2052193281/
Santa Rosa Ranger District

The Santa Rosa Ranger District offers the cool shade of aspen stands and streams running with crisp waters from winter snow melt. You may also find surprising and spontaneous glimpses of cascading waterfalls, and the occasional fleeting sightings of Nevada’s majestic native wildlife. From June through mid-July you can enjoy an explosion of wildflowers spraying up the mountainsides.

Lye Creek Campground is located 60 miles north of Winnemucca, nestled in the aspen along Lye Creek at 7,400 feet. It is typically open through the first week of October. Or if you’re looking for more solitude, you may choose to visit the Santa Rosa-Paradise Peak Wilderness with its sweeping views over the rugged granite basins below.

In autumn, a drive over Hinkey Summit to the north will unveil a kaleidoscope of colors—the blazing aspen gold are dotted with the purple chokecherries and elderberries, and the crimson of the alders.

The CCC in the Santa Rosa Mountains

Between 1934 and 1937, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) constructed a steep, winding road from Indian Creek to Hinkey Summit in the Santa Rosa Mountain Range. Forest Service records indicate at least 24,000 CCC hours were involved in the project. The nearly seven mile route is known today as Hinkey Summit Road.

Forest Service archaeologists and Passport in Time volunteers have recorded approximately 80 stone-lined water diversion features carefully constructed by CCC crews under the expert guidance of local Italian stone mason, Virgil Pasquale. Similar masonry can be seen throughout the community of Paradise Valley, where the CCC also constructed the Paradise Valley Guard Station.
### Campgrounds

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**Bighorn sheep ewes and offspring**
### Mountain City, Jarbidge, & Ruby Mountains Ranger District

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The Ruby Mountains are Nevada’s wettest, and therefore most verdant mountain range. Follow this winding road up glacially-formed Lamoille Canyon Road to an area of green vegetation, constant water flowing in the creeks, high cliffs and alpine peaks, providing a change from the surrounding area’s sparser desert ecosystem. The many aspen groves you see as you climb up the canyon offer lovely fall colors. Driving the byway’s 12 miles you’ll pass granite cliffs, ice-cold waterfalls, and a well-preserved and wild ecosystem. Take a long hike, spend the night camping, or just enjoy an afternoon drive and spectacular scenery.

As you drive the Angel Lake Highway you may feel as though you are travelling up into the sky. The road winds upward through sagebrush, juniper and pinyon pine, then mountain mahogany and quaking aspen. Angel Lake is in a glacial cirque in the East Humboldt Mountains, a visually spectacular range. Fall colors are spectacular among the aspen groves. Its scarps and spires have a character that changes with the season and the light. The lake is popular for fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and has several trailheads including Smith Lake and Winchell Lake.
This district is a huge expanse of wild and rugged lands (1.1 million acres) amongst the mountain islands of northeast Nevada. It provides a wide range of elevations (from 4,000 to 12,000 feet), temperatures, vegetation, and recreational opportunities for all outdoor enthusiasts. Visitors can enjoy quiet campgrounds, wildflower viewing, spectacular hunting and fishing, and a multitude of winter activities. The area is also rich with Native American, mining, and ranching history. Come explore!

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Ruby Mountains Ranger District
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The Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (SMNRA) is a popular part of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Better known to locals as Mt. Charleston, it is located just 45 minutes from downtown Las Vegas and encompasses more than 316,000 acres of remarkable beauty and surprising diversity. Enjoy snow-capped mountain peaks that are surrounded by desert and are home to over 50 sensitive plants and animals, some of which are found only in this special area and nowhere else in the world. Home to three congressionally designated wildernesses, the panoramic mountain range provides a quick getaway and a haven for solitude.

The Spring Mountains Range is sacred to the Southern Paiute Tribes, as it is considered the creation site of their people. Evidence of their rich culture can still be seen throughout the area.

You can download a copy of the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Guide at: www.fs.usda.gov/htnf/ For additional information about SMNRA go to: www.GoMtCharleston.com

### Campgrounds

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Fees range from $14-$41 depending on amenities, and are subject to change.

### Trails

(For more trail information: www.fs.usda.gov/htnf/)

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Fees range from $21-$144 depending on amenities and site size, and are subject to change.
Skiing and Snowplay

Located adjacent to large metro areas, the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area is the winter destination for locals seeking forest-based winter recreation. Foxtail Picnic Area is the designated snowplay area with heated restrooms. Lee Meadows nearby is free but has no facilities.

At the end of Lee Canyon is Lee Canyon Ski Area—a short 45-minute shuttlebus ride from town. For more information, visit: www.leecanyonlv.com

Wilderness

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NOTE: Campfires of any kind are prohibited in the above wilderness areas.

To make reservations use the National Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov
**Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (continued)**

**The CCC**

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) created under President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal Program in 1933 was designed to provide jobs for young men, and to relieve families who had difficulty finding jobs during the Great Depression.

A camp was established on Spring Mountains where the young men constructed many of the first recreation facilities. They built trails, campgrounds, water systems, a kiddie pool, and the ranger station—many of which can still be seen today! Many of the sites have been interpreted with signage telling the story of “the boys” that once lived here.

**Spring Mountain Visitor Gateway**

The Spring Mountain Visitor Gateway serves as both a gateway to and an orientation for the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (SMNRA), while also functioning as a destination for families in the Las Vegas community. 45 minutes from downtown Las Vegas, this new visitor center is a must see for people wanting to explore the cool forest area of the Spring Mountains. From here, find out where to camp, hike, picnic and explore on the mountain. For more information, call (702) 872-5486 or go to https://www.facebook.com/smvgw.

**Mt. Charleston Scenic Byway**

Length: 36 mi/58 km  
Time to Allow: 40 minutes

The byway begins at the desert floor with its familiar thick sagebrush. It then climbs into the rugged mountains, painted by blotches of Joshua trees, juniper, ponderosa pine, and white fir. The byway also draws the traveler very near to the bristlecone pine, one of the world’s oldest plants. Nature provides not only beauty to the area surrounding the byway, but wonderful recreational opportunities. Hiking, camping, and skiing are among the most popular recreational activities.
Public lands on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest offer off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts a wealth of opportunities for 4-wheel driving, ATV, and motorcycle use. Please stay on the trail and remember to keep the following in mind:

**Mind the Signs**

Area signs will indicate what activities are allowed along the route. Check with the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) if a route is unsigned. NOTE: Signs are secondary to MVUMs or travel maps.

**Mind the Width**

Your vehicle should not be wider than the route. If there’s no route and you’re breaking trail—TURN AROUND!

**Know Where to Go**

Get the free Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) from any local Ranger District office to know exactly where you may go on your motorized vehicle. NOTE: Any road or trail not on the MVUM is officially closed to motorized use.

**STAYING ON THE TRAIL**

- **GET DIRTY**
  - Go straight through mud puddles while maintaining a steady speed. Don’t get stuck.
- **ROCK N ROLL**
  - Rocks are natural obstacles and part of the off-road experience. Go over them, not around.
- **GET OVER IT**
  - The challenge is going over the tree. If the tree is too big, go back and contact the land manager.
- **WHOOP IT UP**
  - Go over the whoops (bumps created by constant use). If you want a smooth ride, stay on the highway.
- **STAY IN LINE**
  - Riding single file on tight, narrow trails will avoid braiding and trail widening.
- **NO SHORTCUTS**
  - Switchbacks are designed to maintain the stability of a trail. Cutting them destroys their stability.
- **STAY ON COURSE**
  - Stream crossings should be made by crossing them directly at 90 degrees and staying on the trail.
- **BE SENSITIVE**
  - Wetlands are important and sensitive areas for wildlife and people. Please avoid them.

Mechanized vehicles are not allowed in Wilderness Areas. This includes mountain bikes and OHVs.

Get a Forest Service approved muffler with a spark arrestor—you cannot ride on the forest without one!

If riding in California, be aware of the following state regulations:

- Vehicle registration is required for all OHVs.
- Helmets must be worn on ATVs at all times.
- ATVs and unlicensed motorcycles are not allowed on county maintained roads.
- No double riders are allowed on single rider ATVs.
Be Bear and Mountain Lion Aware!

Black bear are found on the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts of the Humboldt-Toiyabe, while mountain lion may roam throughout the national forest. Make seeing either one a positive memory by following these tips:

- Keep a clean campsite. Store food and garbage in closed vehicles and out of sight or in bear-resistant canisters. NEVER burn or bury your food scraps.
- Don’t keep food, shampoo—or anything that smells—in tents or sleeping areas.
- Don’t sleep in the clothes you cook in.
- When camping in the backcountry hang food and garbage from a tree limb at least 10 feet from the ground and 5 feet from the tree trunk. This tree should be at least 100 yards from your sleeping area.
- Stay on trails for your safety and to protect the habitat.
- Taking pets on hiking trails may attract bears and other mountain lions. If you take your pet, keep it on a short leash to avoid conflicts.

If bears become accustomed to human food, they may become aggressive towards humans or cause property damage. To protect people, these bears may have to be destroyed.

What’s that Smoke?

Throughout time, fires have burned in our forests. The elimination of natural fire from the ecosystem has created an imbalance, resulting in forests that are more prone to disease and insect infestation, as well as large wildfires, especially during periods of drought.

Managing fire for resource benefits is a program which provides for naturally ignited wildland fires to burn in a natural state under specific, pre-established guidelines. Fires managed in this way are most often located in remote areas where they can burn naturally without endangering human life and property.

You can check on current fire conditions by calling one of our forest offices, or by going to www.fs.usda.gov/htnf.

To report a wildland fire, call the nearest Interagency Dispatch Center:

- Sierra Front (Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts), 775-883-3995
- Central Nevada (Austin, Tonopah and Santa Rosa Ranger Districts), 775-623-3444
- Northeastern Nevada (Ruby Mountains, Mountain City and Jarbidge Ranger Districts), 775-748-4000
- Eastern Nevada (Elko Ranger District), 775-287-1925
- Southern Nevada (Spring Mountains National Recreation Area), 702-631-2300

For more information, visit: www.BeBearAware.org or www.mountainlion.org.

Generally both bears and mountain lions will avoid you if given the chance. If you encounter either:

- DON’T RUN. Stay calm, group together, pick up small children.
- Make eye contact, continue to face the bear or mountain lion and slowly back away. Avoid bending over or turning your back.
- If they approach make yourself appear larger by opening your coat, raising your arms, acting aggressively or throwing rocks or sticks.
- If attacked, try to remain standing and fight back with whatever is at hand.

Staying Safe!

- Abandoned mines dot the landscape on the national forest with numerous “glory holes,” adits, and other hazards. Stay out and stay alive!
- Have a full tank of gas—it is not readily available in the mountains.
- Water is scarce in the mountains except at developed picnic areas and campgrounds.
- Cell phones have sporadic or no reception in many places on the national forest.
- Be prepared for sudden changes in weather.

Historic mining equipment

Chinese mining camp date unknown
Before venturing on to the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, please pick up a map with the appropriate level of detail for your planned activities:

- For motorized travel: Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) are available at all Forest Service offices, and may be downloaded from www.fs.usda.gov/htnf/
- For hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding: Topographic maps are recommended. Visit the US Geological Survey for online purchases: https://store.usgs.gov/
- Forest visitor maps and wilderness maps are available at district ranger offices. Visitor maps are also available online at: www.nationalforeststore.com

Dispersed Camping

Many people enjoy the solitude and primitive experience of camping away from developed campgrounds. Dispersed camping means there are no toilets, tables, or treated water. Follow these guidelines to ensure that these areas can be enjoyed by our future generations.

- Choose sites that are already established and use existing fire rings better yet, bring a camp stove.
- Camp at least 100 feet away from water sources.
- Purify water before drinking.
- Dispose of human waste properly (away from water and in a hole at least 6" deep).
- Pack out all garbage.
- Do not carve or chop into tree trunks—this can eventually kill the tree.
- Be courteous of other visitors and their activities, and respect area closures. Some trails prohibit OHVs.

Noxious Weeds

Noxious weeds can rapidly displace native plant species that provide habitat for wildlife and food for people and livestock. Here’s how you can help reduce their spread:

- Learn to recognize common weed species.
- Don’t camp or drive in weed infested areas.
- Don’t pick the flowers of noxious weeds and take them home—you’ll spread seeds.
- When using pack animals, carry only feed that is certified weed-free. Within 96 hours before entering backcountry areas, feed them only weed-free food.
- Wash your vehicle, including the undercarriage, to remove any weed seed before driving to the forest.

Wilderness

The idea of wilderness—and its place in our society—has evolved over centuries. We’ve come to associate attributes such as clean air and water, solitude, a primitive recreation area, a vital habitat for plants and animals, and a spiritual oasis from our increasingly hectic lives.

Today, Wilderness is an area of federal land that is free from modern human control, is undeveloped, and provides outstanding opportunities for solitude and a primitive type of recreation. The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has 24 congressionally designated Wilderness Areas.

Help protect Wilderness for our future generations by following the “Leave No Trace” principles:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of other visitors

Outfitters and guides

Professional guides have the experience, skills, and equipment to help you explore the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

For more information visit:
Nevada: www.nevadaoutfitters.org/
California: www.outfittersandguides.com/

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For more fishing information and regulations, visit:
Nevada Department of Wildlife www.ndow.org/fish/
California Department of Fish and Game www.dfg.ca.gov/
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest-Fishing www.fs.usda.gov/htnf/

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Your Fees at Work

Recreation fees have made a positive difference in our ability to serve our visitors because these dollars can be reinvested into services and infrastructure on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Highlights of our recent accomplishments include the following:

* Replaced picnic tables at Lye Creek Campground
* Funded agency staff campground hosts and volunteer stipends for field presence, visitor service, safety and security, and fee compliance
* Funded the Hoover Wilderness permit system and staffing
* Funded the Christmas tree sales, service, and field staffing program
* This Visitor Guide

America The Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Interagency Pass Program

Many federal lands and activities can be enjoyed for free. However, for those who recreate on multiple federal lands that require a fee, the America the Beautiful Interagency Pass Program is the most convenient way to pay.

NOTE: The passes listed below are honored at all Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and US Fish & Wildlife Service sites charging entrance or standard amenity fees. Entrance and standard amenity fees are not charged to persons 15 and under. Passes do not cover expanded amenity fees such as guard stations and yacht rentals, and may not be accepted at sites operated by concessionaires.

Annual Pass—$80.00
Not accepted for a camping discount.
Senior Pass—$10.00 for lifetime
Available to U.S. citizens 62 years and older. In some areas, good for discounts on other fees such as camping. Must be purchased in person, with proof of age such as a driver’s license.
Military Pass—Free
For active military personnel and their dependents. Must verify active military status. Valid for 12 months from the month of issue.
Volunteer Pass—Free
Available through agency volunteer program coordinators, issued to volunteers who individually accrue 250 volunteer hours.
4th Grade—Free
Available to U.S. 4th graders (including home-schooled and free-choice learners 10 years of age) who present a valid Every Kid in the Park paper pass.
Access Pass—Free for lifetime
Available to U.S. citizens that have been medically determined to have a permanent disability that severely limits one or more major life activities. In some areas, good for discounts on other fees such as camping. Must be obtained in person with written proof of disability. Passes are available at most Forest Service offices and when purchased locally, allow 95 per cent of the funds to stay on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. For more information, visit http://store.usgs.gov/pass/.

Volunteering on Your National Forest

Volunteer opportunities on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest are interesting and diverse. The scenery is exceptional, and coworkers are friendly. For more information, contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (775) 331-6444, or visit www.volunteer.gov.gov

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Mountain City Ruby Mountains
Jarbidge Ranger District
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Elko, NV 89801
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Santa Rosa Ranger District
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Winnetucca, NV 89445
(775) 623-3025

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