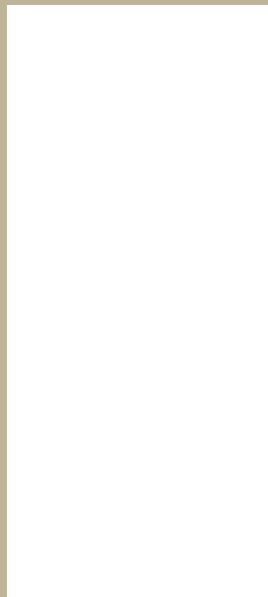


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Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

*Scattered pieces of a national treasure
where adventures come together*



Bridgeport Ranger District's Hoover Wilderness in eastern California

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

WHERE ADVENTURES COME TOGETHER

Hoover Wilderness

The Humboldt-Toiyabe's spectacular 6.3 million acres make up the largest national forest in the lower 48 states.

Ten distinctive ranger districts are scattered like an intriguing puzzle across Nevada and a small portion of eastern California. Each piece contains its own unusual features, which offer unlimited recreation. The ranger districts vary from hardy "desert scapes" to snow-capped mountains with lush alpine meadows and timbered canyons. A world of discovery awaits those who explore the Forest's rich historic past. The following page displays the districts and lists numbers and websites.



Bristlecone pine: one of the oldest known living tree species.

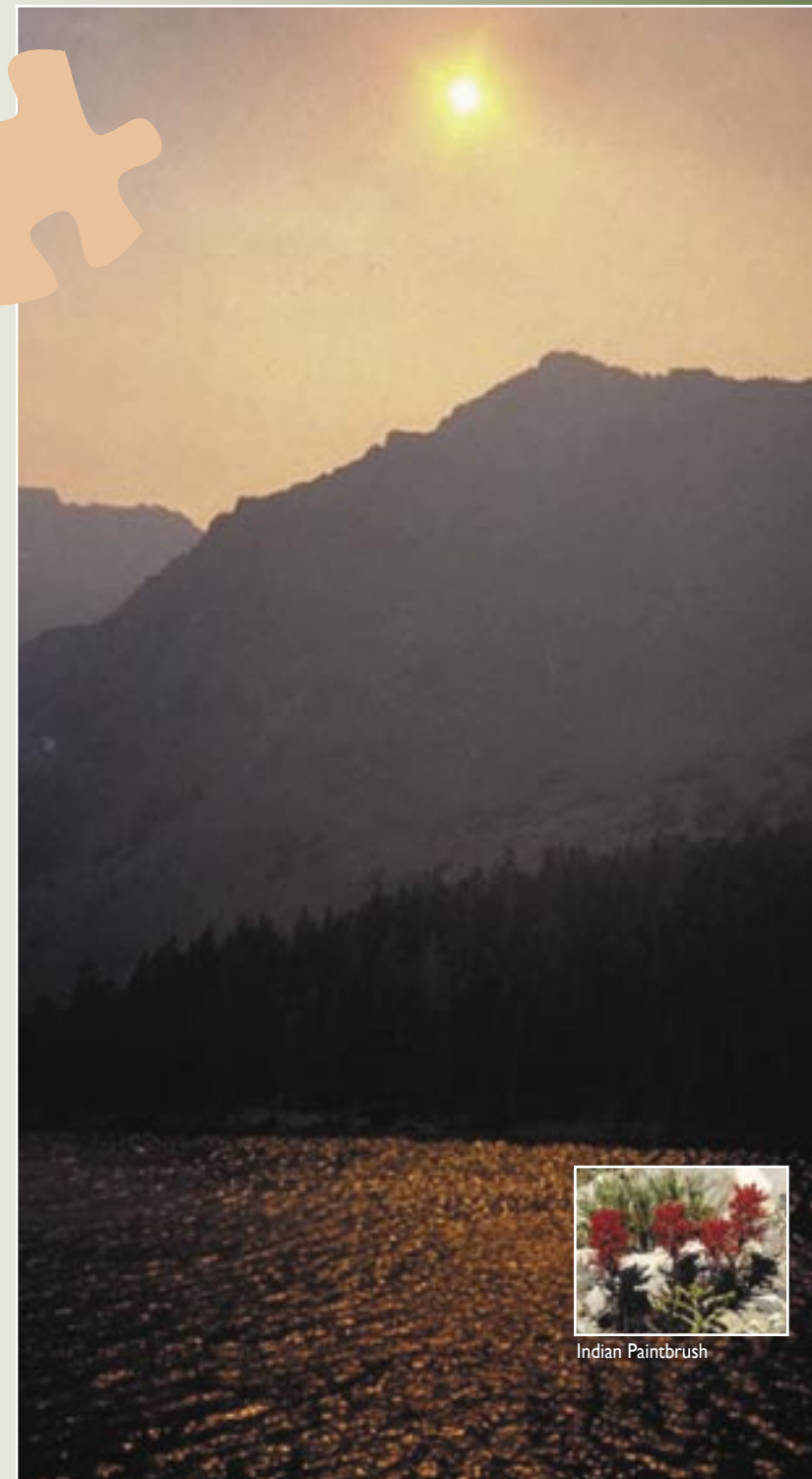


Santa Rosa Ranger District's Santa Rosa Peak

Spring Mountains National Recreation Area's Mummy Mountain



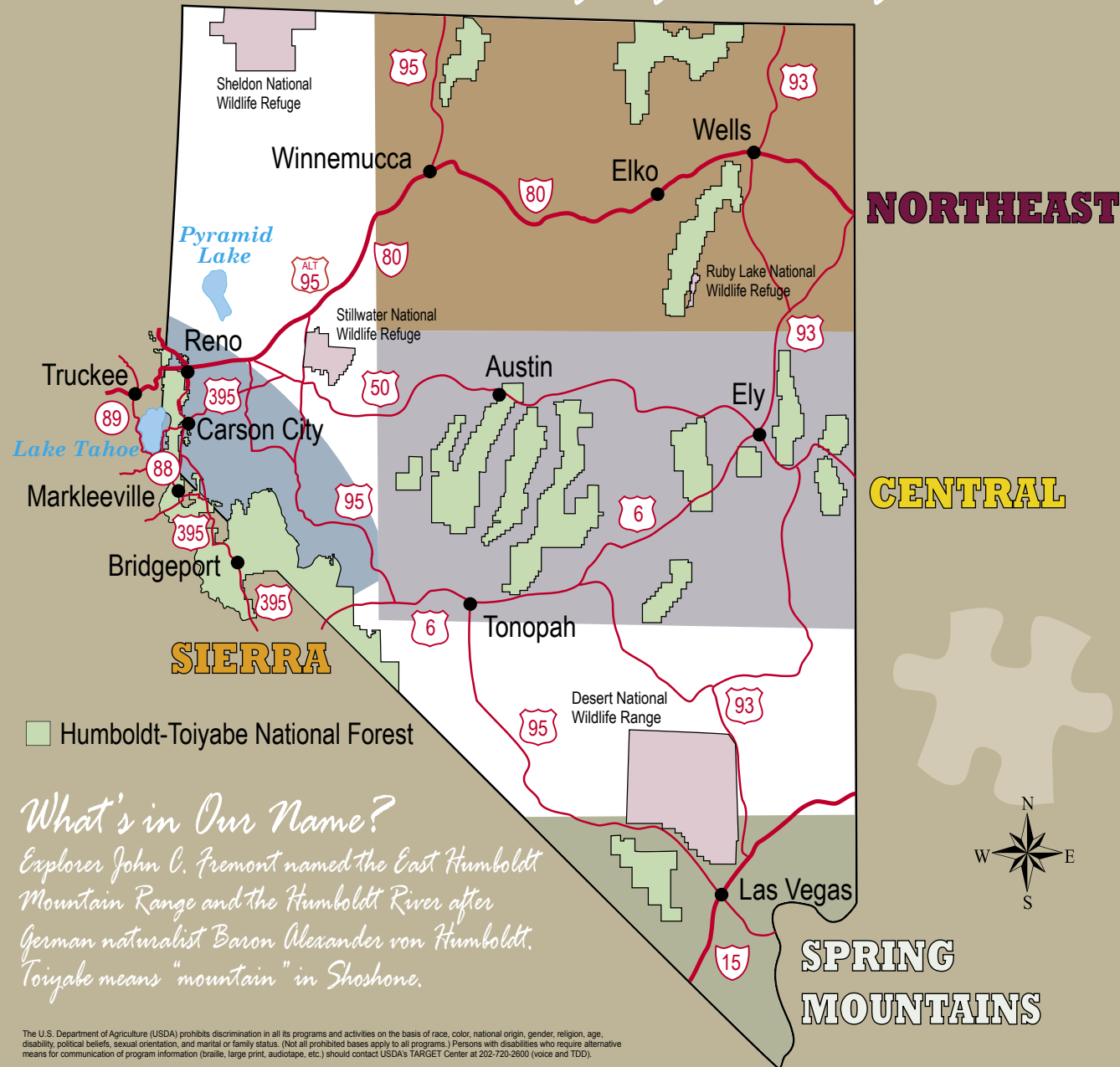
Ruby Mountains Ranger District's Echo Canyon



Indian Paintbrush

Bridgeport Ranger District's East Lake in the Hoover Wilderness

Scattered pieces of a national treasure:
bringing it all together . . .



What's in Our Name?

Explorer John C. Fremont named the East Humboldt Mountain Range and the Humboldt River after German naturalist Baron Alexander von Humboldt. Toiyabe means "mountain" in Shoshone.

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Before heading out . . .

- Check the weather forecast and plan for changing conditions.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you'll be back.
- Hike with a partner.
- Wear proper clothing and foot gear.
- Carry drinking water, food, a first-aid kit, a signal device, and matches.
- Respect wildlife and give them plenty of space.
- Confine, attend, and fully snuff-out campfires.
- Use a vehicle designed for the driving conditions, routes, and trails.
- *Find protection and stay put if you are lost.*



Contacts . . .

Humboldt Toiyabe Headquarters (Sparks).....	775-355-5301
	www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/
Carson Ranger District (Carson City).....	775-882-2766
Bridgeport Ranger District (Bridgeport, CA).....	760-932-7070
Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (Las Vegas) ...	702-873-8800
Austin Ranger District (Austin).....	775-964-2671
Tonopah Ranger District (Tonopah).....	775-842-6286
Ely Ranger District (Ely).....	775-289-3031
Mountain City Ranger District (Mountain City).....	775-738-5171
Ruby Mountains Ranger District (Wells).....	775-752-3357
Santa Rosa Ranger District (Winnemucca).....	775-623-5025
Northeast Nevada (Elko).....	775-738-5171
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (South Lake Tahoe, CA).....	530-573-2600
	www.r5.fs.fed.us/
Bureau of Land Management.....	775-861-6505
	www.nv.blm.gov
National Park Service Yosemite National Park (CA).....	209-372-0200
	www.nps.gov/yose
Great Basin National Park (NV).....	775-234-7331
	www.nps.gov/grba
Lake Mead National Recreation Area.....	702-293-8907
	www.nps.gov/lame
US Fish & Wildlife Service.....	775-861-6300
	www.r1.fs.gov
California State Parks.....	916-653-6995
	http://cal-parks.ca.gov/travel/regions/
Nevada State Parks.....	775-687-4384
	www.state.nv.us/stparks/
Nevada Commission on Tourism.....	(800) nevada-8
	www.travelnevada.com
Nevada State Chamber of Commerce.....	775-686-3030
	www.state.nv.us

tread lightly!
LEAVING A GOOD IMPRESSION

- Travel only where permitted and obey travel regulations.
- Respect the rights of others.
- Educate yourself about public and private land boundaries.
- Avoid non-durable surfaces, stream sides, and waterways.
- Operate your ATV safely and responsibly.

LEAVE NO TRACE
LEAVING A GOOD IMPRESSION

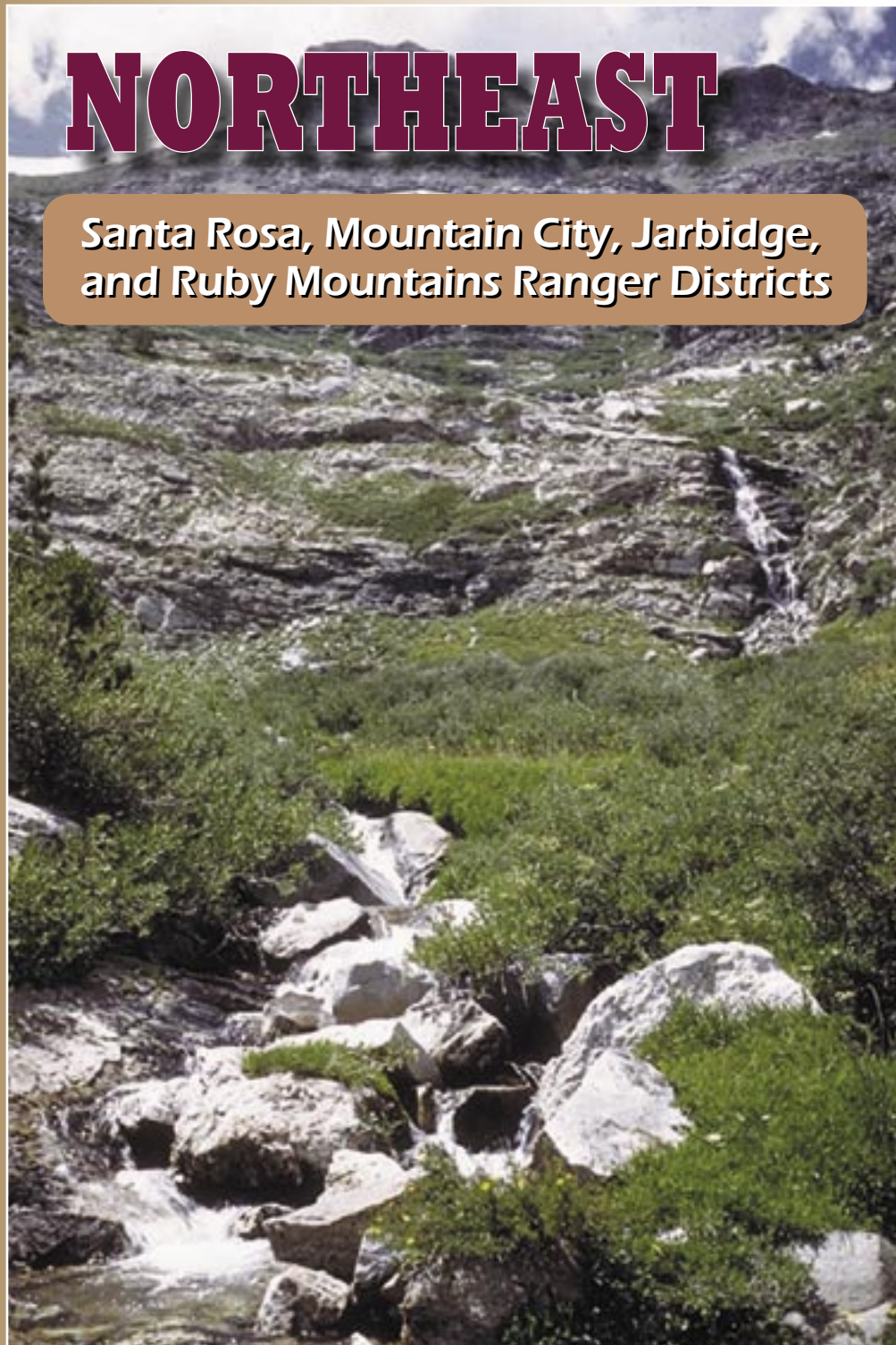
- Plan ahead and prepare properly.
- Camp and travel on durable surfaces.
- Pack out what you bring into the forests.
- Properly dispose of what you can't pack out.
- Leave natural things where and how you found them.
- Minimize the use and impact of campfires.

Weaving the threads of a natural tapestry . . .

Hiking among the rugged glaciated peaks of Jarbidge Wilderness and East Humboldt Wilderness; zipping via snowmobile or skiing over wind-swept crystal snow on Sunflower Flat and Pole Creek bench; angling for a cutthroat trout on a pristine mountain stream; finding clues left by miners who searched for riches in the rugged Independence Mountains; chancing upon the unexpected sight of bighorn sheep, mule deer, elk, or a mountain lion; hearing the thunder of wild horses pounding across the Ruby Mountains; camping among gnarled bristlecone pine, next to elegant fir and spruce, or within lush groves of quaking aspen; threading through hidden canyons and across rugged peaks . . . a portrait of adventure in Northeast Nevada on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

NORTHEAST

Santa Rosa, Mountain City, Jarbidge, and Ruby Mountains Ranger Districts



Ruby Mountains Ranger District's East Humboldt Range



Ruby Mountains Ranger District's Liberty Pass



Bighorn sheep



Lexington Arch near Wheeler Peak Scenic Area



Spring wildflowers

CENTRAL

Ely, Austin, and Tonopah Ranger Districts

Discovering what's around the bend . . .

Share a primitive site with a bighorn sheep in rugged places that once lured the silver miners; watch a thunderstorm roll down craggy limestone thrusts and puddle up on the wide terraces invisible from the valley floor below; explore the Great Basin's high cold desert adjacent to the heat of the Mojave; photograph rough, steep, mysterious ecosystems rich in diverse plant and animal life; amble through the Grant Range Wilderness with its forests of limber and bristlecone pine, white fir, and aspen; catch your breath at the sight of a rare Nevada primrose; witness the volcanic history captured in the canyons and cold mountain springs of Quinn Canyon Wilderness; marvel at the pristine white limestone cliffs of Current Mountain Wilderness . . . while to the west, the Arc Dome, Alta Toquima, and Table Mountain wildernesses' lure you to visit; drop into the caves at Great Basin National Park that is surrounded by the Snake Mountain Range . . . a satisfying feast for outdoor hunger in east central Nevada on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.



Red primrose



Tonopah Ranger District's Table Mountain Wilderness



Wild horses near Ely, Nevada



Cool mountain stream



Ely Ranger District's Treasure Hill - a miner's cabin



Austin Ranger District's Toquima Cave petroglyphs



Wildflowers on the Austin Ranger District



An unobstructed view from the top of Toquima Wilderness

Ely Ranger District's Troy Peak's aspen

SIERRA

Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts



Lake Tahoe's crystal clear waters and breath-taking mountains promise lifetime memories.

Erasing invisible borders . . .

Finding the heart of a national forest amid the azure waters of Lake Tahoe straddling the border of Nevada and California; smelling the moist rich soil beneath the stately pines, regal fir, and the ghostly quaking aspen; dipping a finger into the icy waters of an alpine lake high in the Sierras; fishing, hunting, skiing, canoeing, horseback riding, camping, hiking, and catching a breath of clear mountain air; retracing the steps of Native Americans from long ago; flying down a ski slope on a snow board; cracking pinyon pine nuts and savoring their flavorful white meat; catching elusive photos of a black bear cub, bobcat, or coyotes; discovering geological wonders like historic volcanos and ancient seas; realizing what wilderness really means; an experience beyond boundaries on the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

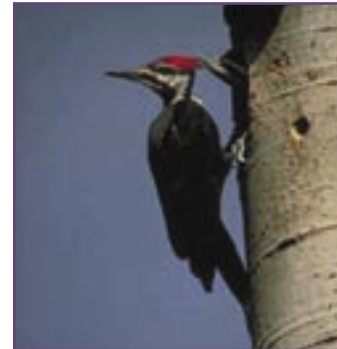
Snow-fed Sierra Nevada river



Hoover Wilderness



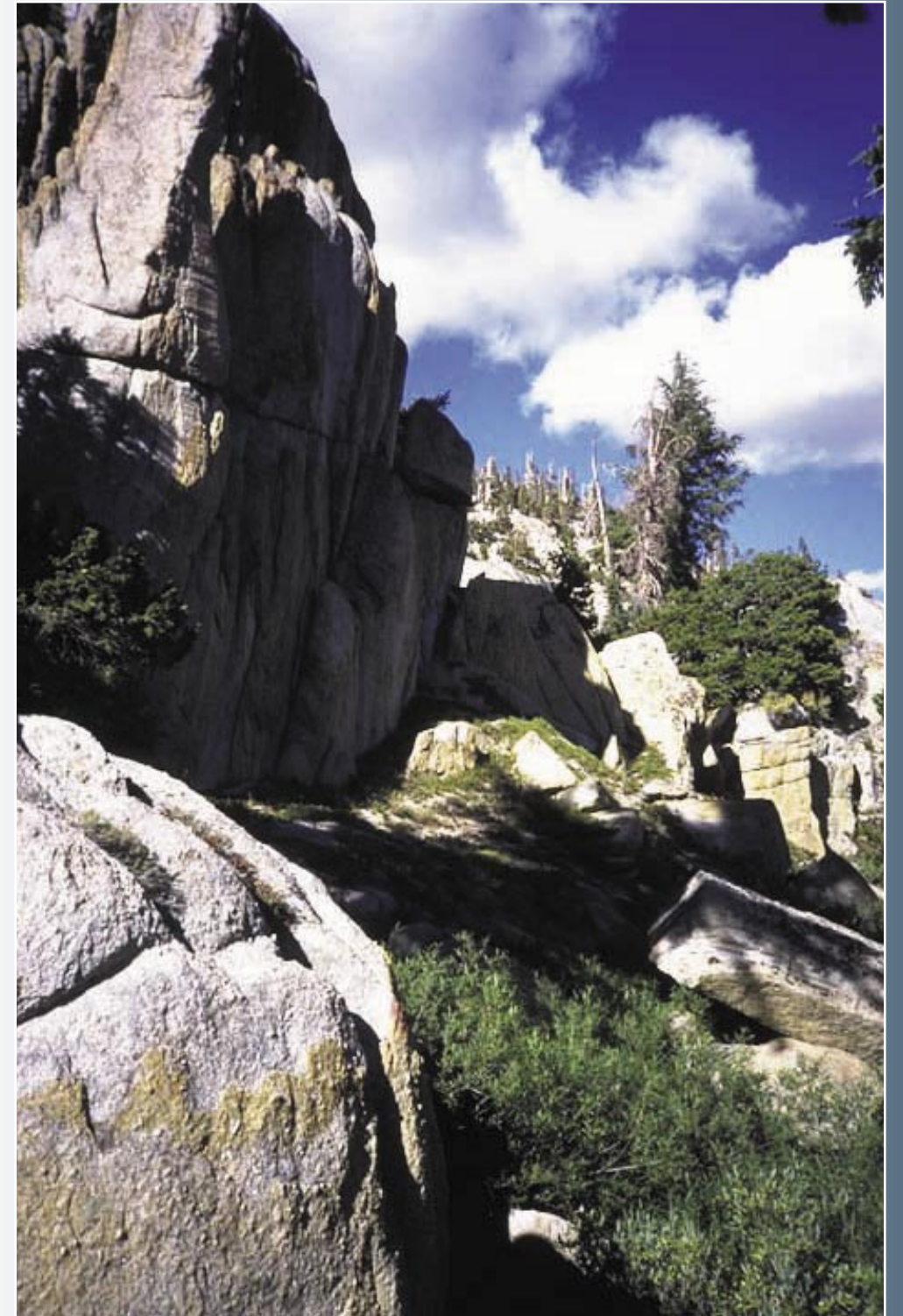
Photographers' paradise



Pileated woodpecker



P-o-w-d-e-r. Sunshine. Gotcha!



Each change of season offers a wide range of outdoor adventures. The choices are all yours.



SPRING MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Upper Kyle Canyon's MaryJane Falls

Exploring high above the neon glare . . .

Hiking up the challenging 11,918-foot summit of Charleston Peak, home to 25 species found no where else in the world; finding relief from the hot southern Nevada sun in a cool, forested canyon; gazing at the awesome pinnacle of Spring Mountains; camping and skiing where Native Americans spent their time eons ago; watching wild burros and horses amble across the valley; discovering a lush, green riparian area tucked into a wind-swept canyon; knowing these natural treasures will be here for future generations of visitors in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area . . . an unexpected reward at the southern tip of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.



Monarch butterfly



Joshua trees and sagebrush surround Mt. Stirling



Beavertail cactus



Wild horses grazing



Unexpected winter fun at the top of Kyle Canyon



Palmer's chipmunk

SCENIC BYWAYS

Linking Together the pieces



Ruby Mountains Ranger District's Lamoille Canyon



Lamoille Canyon overlook (2)



Biking on Mt. Rose Highway (4)



Mt. Charleston (8)



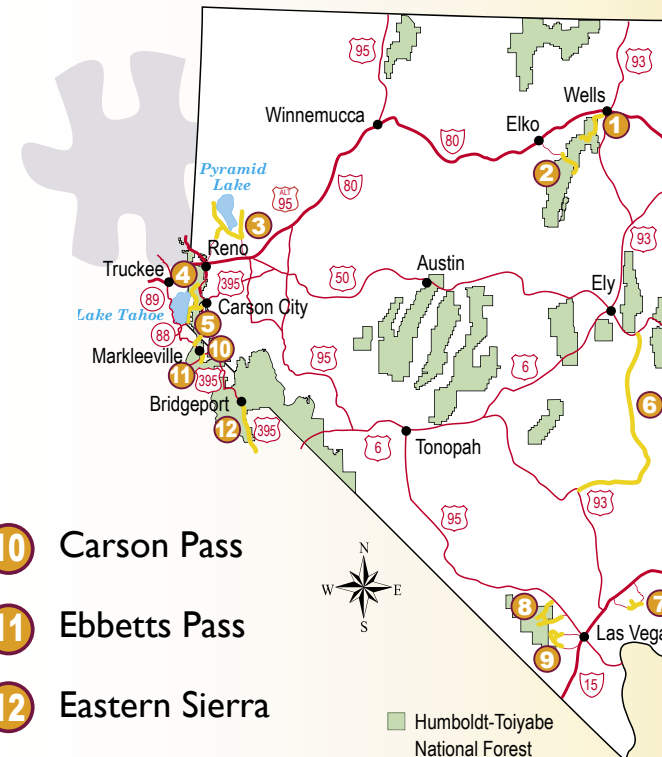
Angel Lake (1)



SCENIC BYWAYS

Regularly traveled major roads that offer unique combinations of recreational adventures and scenic attractions.

A string of Scenic Byways and Highways wind their way across Nevada and eastern California, in and out of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Visitors are treated to unparalleled views along these routes. Overlooks provide photo opportunities for fabulous scenery, trees, wildflowers, and wildlife. Enjoy Forest Service campgrounds, special sites, and hiking trails. *Always check weather forecasts and plan accordingly for changing conditions before hitting the road.*



- 10 Carson Pass
- 11 Ebbetts Pass
- 12 Eastern Sierra

- 1 Angel Lake
- 2 Lamoille Canyon
- 3 Pyramid Lake Road
- 4 Mt. Rose
- 5 Lake Tahoe
- 6 Great Basin
- 7 Valley of Fire
- 8 Mt. Charleston
- 9 Red Rock Canyon