



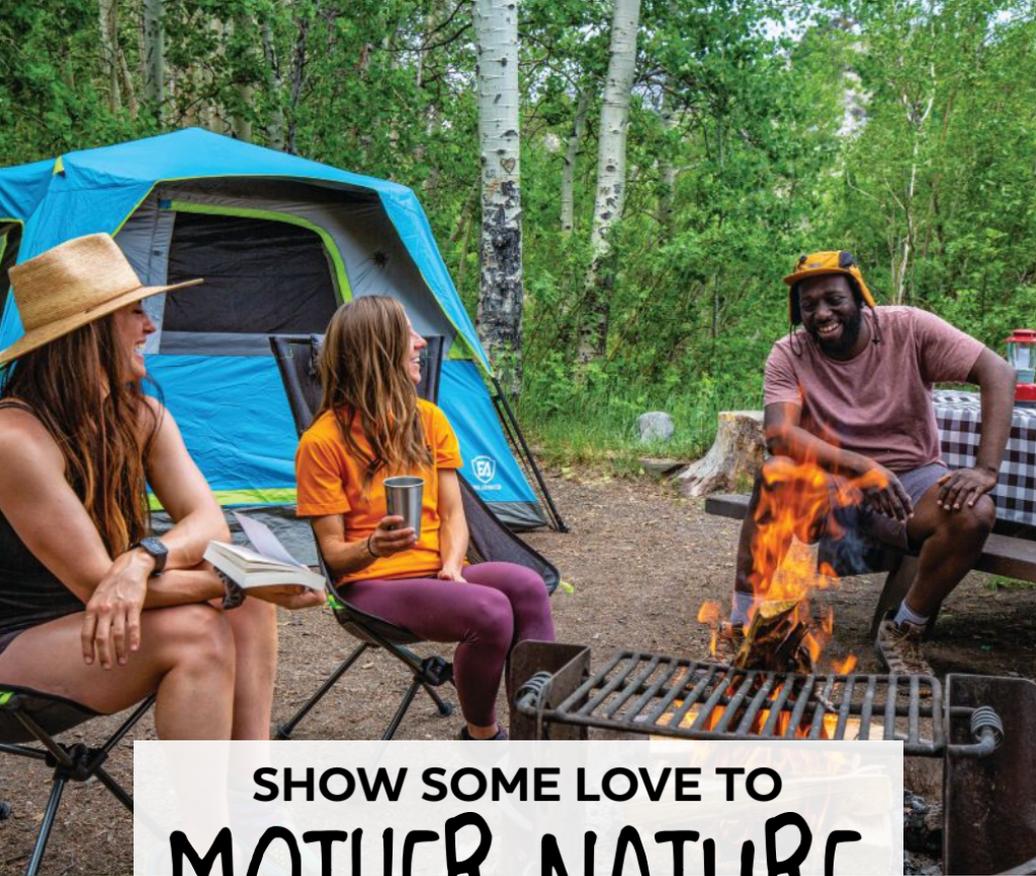
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365 DAYS OF AWESOME

Awesome is always in season in Mammoth Lakes. Every season offers new opportunities to fall in love with the region all over again.

In winter, you can ski, snowboard, snowmobile, snowshoe, ice skate or take off into the forest on your cross country skis. When spring hits, the ice thaws so you can ski and celebrate the fishing opener in the same day. The summer melts away the snow, opening the roads to Devils Postpile National Monument, the 101-foot Rainbow Falls and the east gateway of Yosemite National Park. Autumn brings spectacular fall colors that are best viewed from a hiking trail or bike path.

Which season will you choose?





MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN
SUMMIT
11,053 feet
(3,369 m)

MAMMOTH
LAKES BASIN
8,612 feet
(2,625 m)

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN'S
EAGLE LODGE BASE
7,953 feet
(2,424 m)

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN'S
CANYON LODGE BASE
8,353 feet
(2,546 m)

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

THE VILLAGE
AT MAMMOTH
8,051 feet
(2,454 m)

MAIN STREET
7,798 feet
(2,377 m)

TOWN OVERVIEW

Mother Nature is at her best in Mammoth Lakes. Not only does the town boast jaw-dropping natural beauty, but visitors also enjoy its many modern conveniences: a spectrum of lodging options, unique shopping, fitness facilities and even a full-service hospital. If relaxation is on the agenda, consider heading out for a night on the town or treating yourself to a spa day.

MINARETS
12,264 feet
(3,738 m)

MT. RITTER
13,150 feet
(4,008 m)

BANNER PEAK
12,936 feet
(3,943 m)

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN'S THE MILL BASE
8,750 feet
(2,679 m)

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN'S MAIN LODGE BASE
8,901 feet
(2,713 m)
Panorama Gondola to Mammoth Mountain Summit

Village Gondola to Canyon Lodge

HISTORY OF MAMMOTH LAKES

BY JASON ABPLANALP

Built from a colorful history, Mammoth Lakes is now a year-round destination for adventurers and sightseers from across the globe.

From the birth of the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the town's original days of rough-and-tumble miners and early 20th century motorists seeking adventure, the story of Mammoth Lakes has it all.

The Formation of Mammoth Lakes

Located in the heart of the legendary Sierra Nevada Mountains, Mammoth Lakes is a gateway to some of the most majestic and awe-inspiring arrays of landforms in North America. From the stately basalt pillars of Devils Postpile National Monument to the bubbling hydrothermal springs of Hot Creek Gorge and dizzying heights of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, visitors are immersed into an exciting record of Earth's most awesome processes.

Mammoth Lakes sits on the edge of the impressive Long Valley Caldera, a 20-mile wide extinct supervolcano that erupted around 750,000 years ago. This eruption released 500 times more volcanic material than Mount St. Helens did in 1980, and volcanic ash traveled as far as Nebraska and Kansas! Present day Crowley Lake, located eight miles south of Mammoth Lakes, sits roughly in the southeastern limit of the ancient crater.

Around 100,000 years ago, a series of volcanic eruptions thrust the peak of Mammoth Mountain into the sky. Much later, degassing explosions and smaller eruptions formed the Inyo and Mono craters, leaving a sea of pumice. The nearby Obsidian Dome, literally a huge mountain of volcanic glass, formed around 800 years ago and provided a source of cutlery and projectile points for native tribes.

On the outskirts of town, the legendary basalt columns of Devils Postpile National Monument rise from the headwaters of the San Joaquin River. This peculiar body of rock formed just under 100,000 years ago, when lava rich in iron and magnesium poured forth from a fissure in the Earth's crust. The picturesque black basalt of Devils Postpile National Monument has endured glacial ice, moving water and earthquakes. The base of the outcrop is littered with massive columns that have succumbed to

the powers of nature and gravity. From around 200,000 years ago to 14,000 years ago, expansive alpine glacial sheets flanked the sides of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. These glaciers deeply carved into the rocky mountainsides as they advanced and retreated, shaping the configuration of the landscape. Upon retreat, over dozen serene mountain lakes

remained in the Mammoth Lakes Basin. At one time, glaciers even extended into the heart of town! Geology is also responsible for bringing the first settlers into the area. Miners discovered gold and silver in the volcanic rocks above present day Mammoth Lakes and the course of the region's history was changed forever.

Mammoth Mining: Laying the Foundation for the Future of Mammoth Lakes

As with many western mountain towns, the first Europeans to settle in the vicinity of Mammoth Lakes were drawn by wealth locked deep within the mountains. In 1877, four prospectors, whose search for precious metals brought them from the depleted gold fields of California's western slope, stumbled upon gold- and silver-bearing quartz veins just west of the present-day town. Within less than a year, General G. Dodge of San Francisco purchased a majority of the mining claims and consolidated them under the Mammoth Mining Company. This

clever name was used in reference of purported vast mineral wealth, which brought investors and businessmen to the district, and had no relation to prehistoric remains of extinct mastodons.

Word of the discovery reached far and wide, and within a year, over 1,000 miners flocked to the region in the hopes of striking it rich. Defying the ferocious mountain elements and climate, the industrious early residents quickly established a main street, post office, motel and several saloons at the base of Red Mountain. Today, a masonry marker



Mill at Dodge Mining Company ca. 1930



Waterwheel at Skelton Mine ca. 1930

and a few stone foundations line the top of Old Mammoth Road and are all that remain of the original, albeit short-lived, town.

General Dodge's Mammoth Mining Company lasted only two years, when excessive spending combined with the harsh elements and an overall weak mineral deposit forced the company into Sheriff's sale in 1880. Many of the miners migrated to the nearby gold town of Bodie to the north, which had over 10,000 residents and a Wild West reputation throughout the late 19th century. The mine's massive mill, a water-powered engineering marvel, was scavenged for parts and eventually burned many years later. Today, the mill's impressive 20-foot diameter cast iron flywheel leans idly against its masonry base on a bluff above town. Small-scale mining continued sporadically until the Great Depression, when a small mine camp, complete with a diesel-powered mill, was built

by the Mammoth Consolidated Mining Company. The operation was abandoned and today the easily accessible ruins are preserved in a state of arrested decay on U.S. Forest Service land near the Coldwater Creek Campground.

Overall, mining around Mammoth Lakes was short-lived and relatively unprofitable, although it set the stage for development in the meadows below Red Mountain. Word spread of the area's unbelievable natural beauty and by the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, tourism became the region's number-one industry.



Knight Wheel

Early 20th Century Adventurous Motorists: The Birth of Mammoth Lakes Tourism

By the end of the 1910s, the mining boom had played out and a new, long-lasting industry emerged. Tourists, arriving by automobiles and charged with a sense of adventure and freedom, began discovering the solitude, beauty and recreational opportunities of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. These early visitors would make the grueling two-day drive from Los Angeles to reach the pine forests and grassy meadows around

Mammoth Lakes. It may have been gold that put the town on the map, but it was fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating and mountaineering that made the region famous.

In the early 1920s, the small town of Mammoth Camp was established along the meadows of Mammoth Creek in order to provide services to the steadily increasing number of summer visitors. Fish and game sportsmen, thrill-seeking alpinists



and wilderness campers comprised many of the early vacationers. An automobile garage, hotel, rustic rental cabins, bakery, general store and post office were constructed near the banks of the creek. The waterwheel that originally powered Mammoth Mining Company's mill was moved from upper Old Mammoth to the lower meadows to generate electricity for the blossoming Wildasinn Hotel. This waterwheel and one of the original log cabins of the early resort remain today, photogenically nestled in a grove of aspen along Old Mammoth Road. Shady Rest Campground, located directly behind the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, acquired its name from the early tourism days. Weary and worn travelers would commonly park in the forested flat land and set up camp in the shadows of the tall pines. It was a most welcome break, especially after multiple days of traversing the rocky, primitive desert roads of the Mojave and Owens Valley in the automobiles of the era.

During the winter months, the population drastically dropped and limited mail service was provided by dogsled. In 1941, this all changed when visionary Eastern Sierra local Dave McCoy altered the course of Mammoth Lakes' history. McCoy, who passed away in 2020 at age 104, saw an opportunity and after several years of both successes and failures, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area was born. Today, the resort is one of the top ski and snowboard destinations in the world and brings hundreds of thousands of visitors to Mammoth Lakes annually. Mammoth Lakes welcomed the dreams of early prospectors, turn-of-the-century adventurers and avid skiers like Dave McCoy. No matter the dream, it can be fulfilled in Mammoth Lakes. What's your mountain town dream?

Check out Jason Abplanalp's blog posts at VisitMammoth.com for more insights about Mammoth Lakes' past.

NATURALLY AWE-INSPIRING

Mammoth Lakes is an unparalleled natural wonderland: Yosemite National Park, Devils Postpile National Monument, Rainbow Falls, Mono Lake, Bodie State Historic Park and more are all-day trips from town. Learn about national parks, scenic wonders and historic places near Mammoth Lakes. [VisitMammoth.com/Sightseeing](https://www.visitmammoth.com/sightseeing)



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ADVENTURES BY SEASON



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WINTER

Winter in Mammoth Lakes inspires adventure at every turn. From skiing at Mammoth Mountain to endless on-the-snow fun, Mammoth Lakes is the place to experience a true winter wonderland.

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SPRING

Spring offers the best of both worlds. Spend your morning on the slopes before heading to lower elevations to bike or get out on the water.

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SUMMER

Put the “great” into the great outdoors with summer adventures in Mammoth Lakes — from mountain bike rides, hikes and camping trips to on-the-water adventures, including kayaking, fishing or renting a pontoon boat.
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FALL

Adventure grows bigger and brighter when the leaves turn into a gorgeous backdrop. Discover why fall in Mammoth Lakes is one of California's best-kept secrets. [VisitMammoth.com/Fall](https://www.visitmammoth.com/fall)



[VisitMammoth.com/Fall](https://www.visitmammoth.com/fall)



PLANNING YOUR TRIP

Mammoth Lakes may be tucked away in the Eastern Sierra, but this alpine community is surprisingly accessible. Whether you choose to fly to Mammoth Lakes from hundreds of connecting cities or drive via the scenic Hwy. 395, you'll be on your way to mountain adventures faster than you might expect.

Learn more about the fastest way to get to Mammoth Lakes.

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DINING

No matter what adventures you need to fuel up for, Mammoth Lakes' restaurants have you covered. Find the perfect places to dine during your trip. [VisitMammoth.com/Restaurants](https://www.visitmammoth.com/restaurants)



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LODGING

Mammoth Lakes offers a variety of accommodations for every vacation experience — from hotels, unique B&Bs and quaint motels to cozy cabins and ski-in, ski-out condos. Browse all of the options online.

[VisitMammoth.com/Lodging](https://www.visitmammoth.com/Lodging)



SHOPPING

Outdoor retailers and local boutiques bring a unique shopping experience to Mammoth Lakes. Local experts can help you find gear and clothing from top brands to outfit all of your adventures. [VisitMammoth.com/Shopping](https://www.visitmammoth.com/shopping)

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GETTING AROUND TOWN

Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) provides free transportation to popular stops around town, including Mammoth Mountain lodges, the Mammoth Lakes Basin, The Village at Mammoth, grocery stores, restaurants and more.

Find maps and bus schedules on pages 26-33 of this guide or learn more online.

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ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL

Mother Nature's adventureland is accessible to everyone in Mammoth Lakes. From thrilling adventures with Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra to quiet afternoons spent exploring the many accessible paths and nearby waterways, there are so many options for enjoying your time in the mountains.

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EVENTS

There's always something on the calendar to look forward to in Mammoth Lakes. VisitMammoth.com/Events



U.S. Freeski & Snowboard Grand Prix



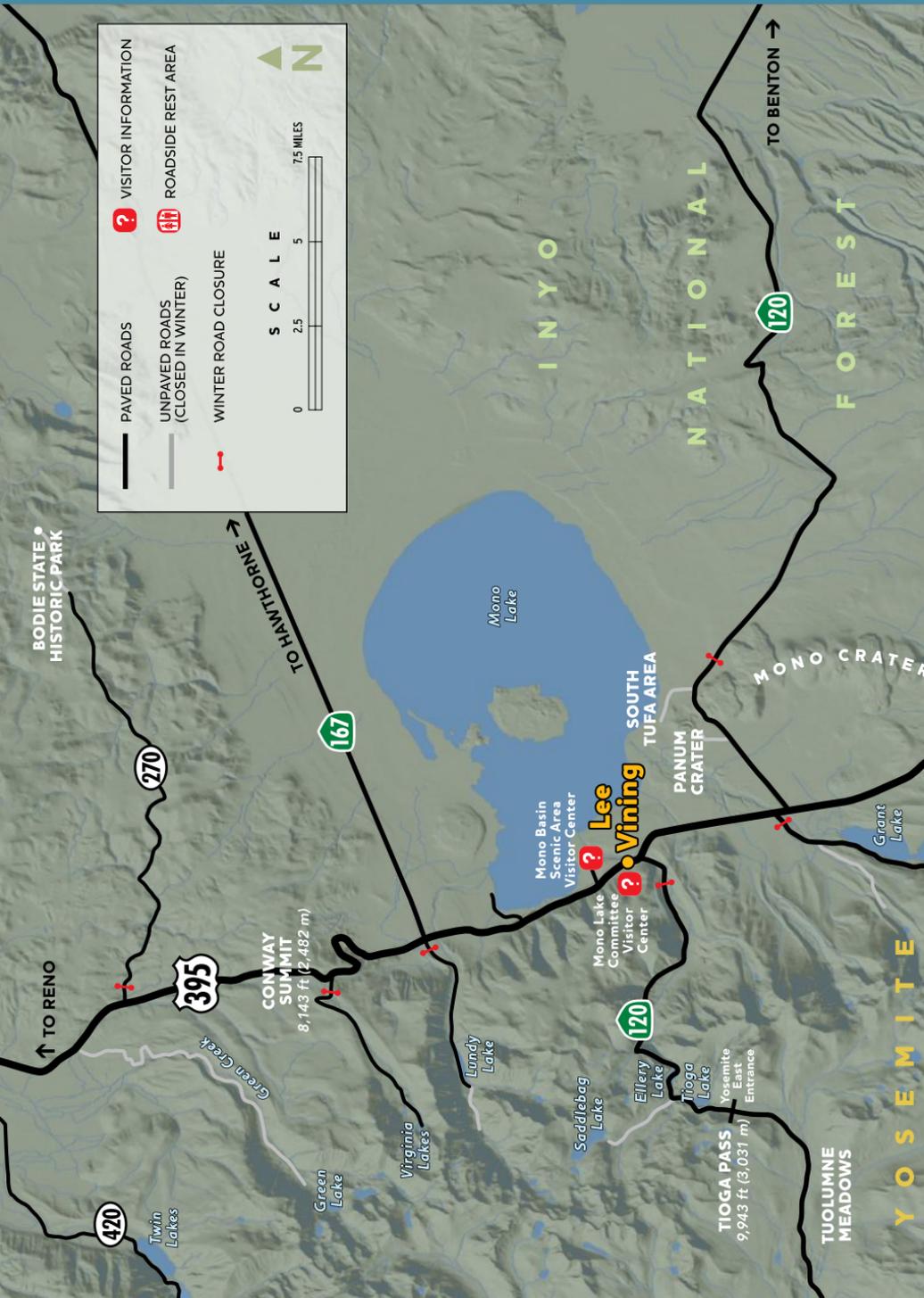
Mammoth Yoga Festival

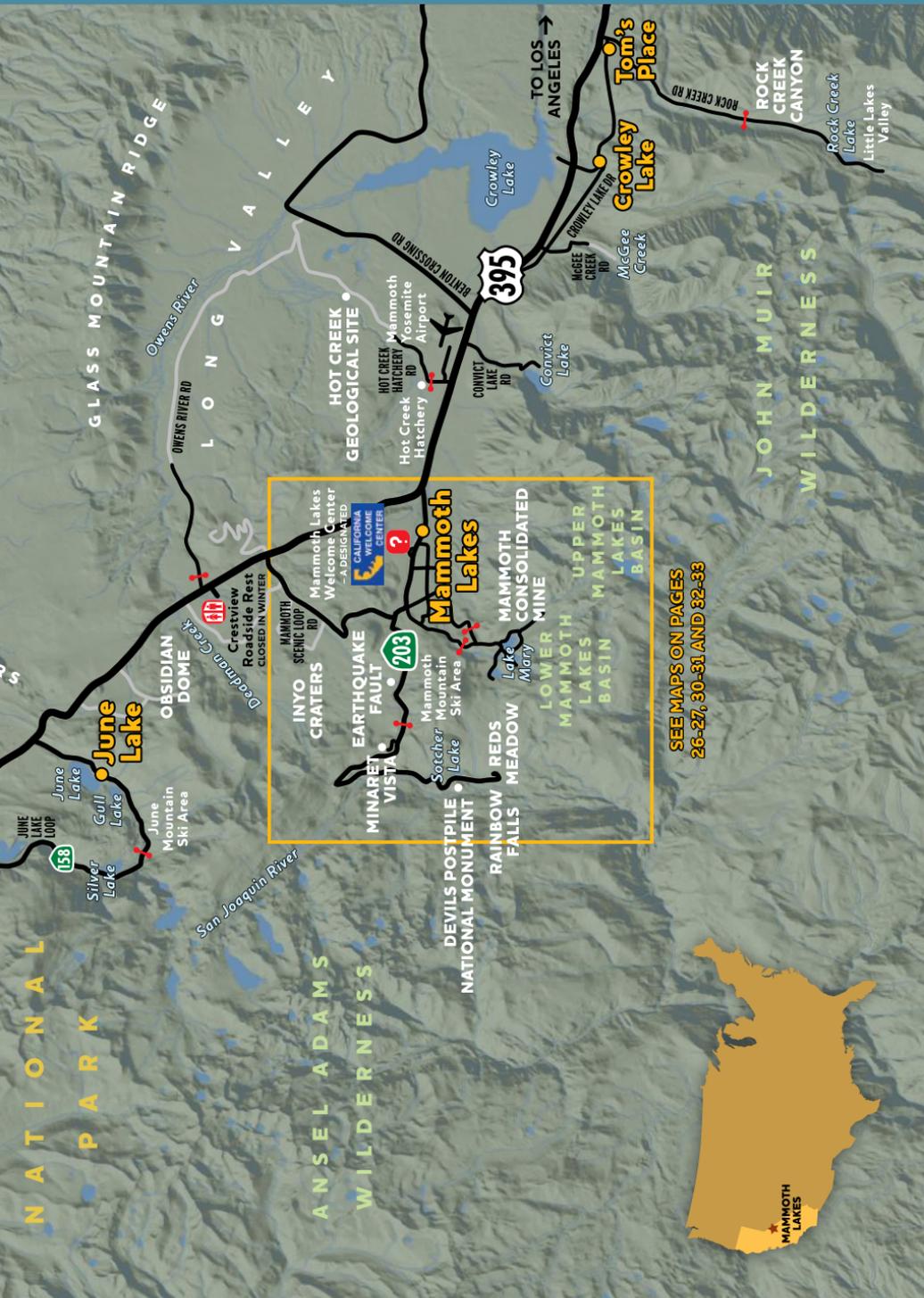


Mammoth Festival of Beers & Bluesapalooza

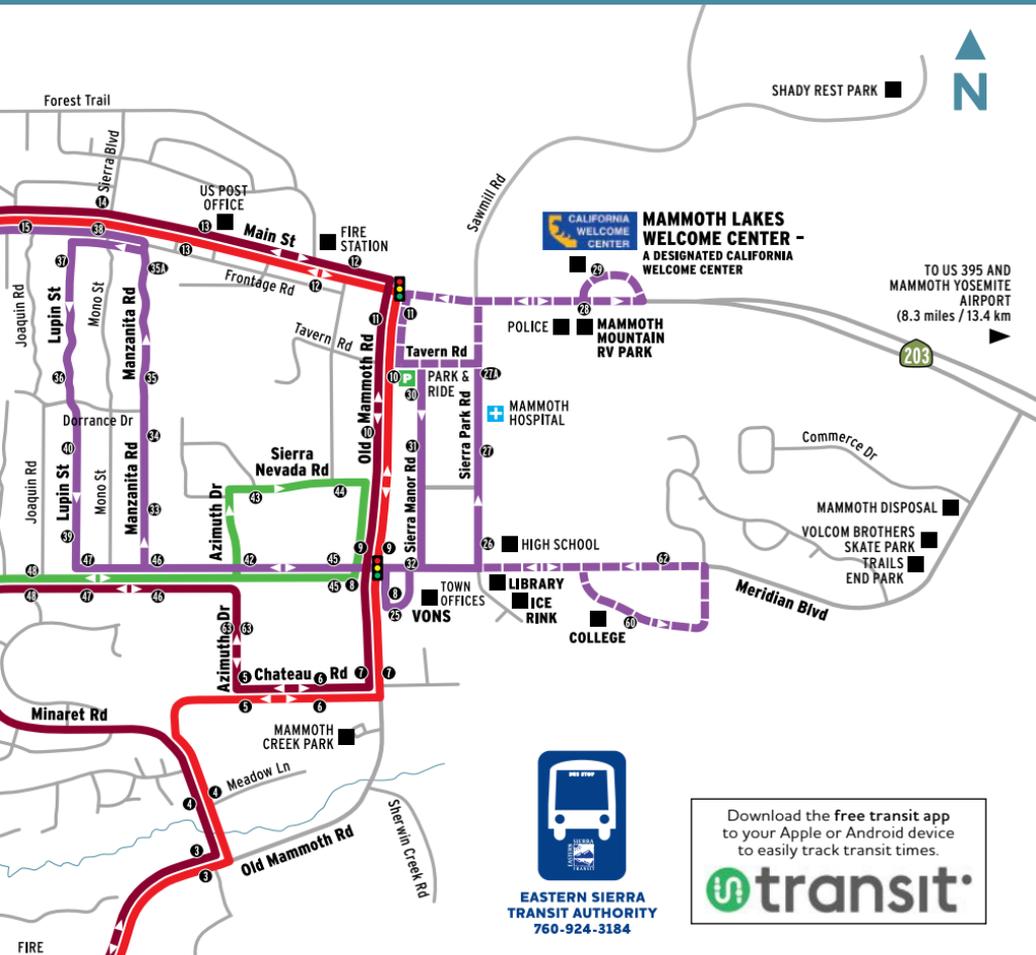
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REGIONAL MAP





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26-27, 30-31 AND 32-33



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Winter Transit Routes

	RED LINE	Main Lodge – The Village at Mammoth – Snowcreek Athletic Club
	BLUE LINE	The Village at Mammoth – Canyon Lodge
	YELLOW LINE	The Village at Mammoth – Eagle Lodge
	GREEN LINE	Vons – Eagle Lodge
	ORANGE LINE	The Village at Mammoth – Tamarack Lodge
	PURPLE LINE	The Village at Mammoth – Vons 60-minute frequency

NIGHT SERVICE

	EVENING AND LATE NIGHT TROLLEY	Snowcreek Athletic Club – The Village at Mammoth – Juniper Springs Resort – Canyon Lodge
	EVENING HOSPITALITY SHUTTLE	The Village at Mammoth – Mammoth Mountain Inn

 ROUTE DIRECTION

 BUS STOP

 HOSPITAL

 PARK & RIDE LOT

WINTER TRANSIT SCHEDULE

Mammoth Lakes Mass Transit – FREE

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Bus stops noted on map – pages 26-27		Timetable for all stops available online			
Route	Dates*	Service	Frequency/Location	Time Past Hour	Last Bus
RED LINE					
Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge to/from Snowcreek Athletic Club	Nov 19 - Apr 24	7:00 am - 5:30 pm	Every 20 minutes** Main Lodge Snowcreek Stop #1	First bus in bold :10 :30 :50 :00 :20 :40	5:30 pm 5:00 pm
BLUE LINE					
The Village at Mammoth to/from Mammoth Mountain Canyon Lodge	Dec 17 - Apr 24	7:05 am - 5:20 pm	Every 15 minutes** The Village Stop #90 Canyon Lodge	First bus in bold :05 :20 :35 :50 :10 :25 :40 :55	5:20 pm 5:25 pm
YELLOW LINE					
The Village at Mammoth to/from Mammoth Mountain Eagle Lodge	Dec 17 - Apr 24	7:30 am - 5:30 pm	Every 20 minutes** The Village Stop #90 Eagle Lodge	First bus in bold :00 :20 :40 :10 :30 :50	5:40 pm 5:30 pm
GREEN LINE					
Old Mammoth Road at Stop 9 S to/from Mammoth Mountain Eagle Lodge	Dec 17 - Apr 124	7:30 am - 5:30 pm	Every 15 minutes** Stop #9 S Eagle Lodge	First bus in bold :07 :22 :37 :52 :00 :15 :30 :45	5:37 pm 5:30 pm
ORANGE LINE					
The Village at Mammoth to/from Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center	Dec 17 - Apr 16	8:00 am - 5:15 pm	Every 30 minutes The Village Stop #90 Tamarack Stop #95	First bus in bold :00 :30 :15 :45	5:00 pm 5:15 pm
PURPLE LINE					
Inside Vons parking lot to/from The Village at Mammoth	Year-round	7:00 am - 6:00 pm	Every 30 minutes Vons Stop #25 The Village (Minaret Stop)	First bus in bold :00 :30 :19 :49	5:30 pm 5:49 pm
NOTE: Service to the College, Skate Park, RV Park, Visitor Center and Rite Aid is every 60 minutes - see map on pages 26-27 for details. Check sign at stop for specific times.					
EVENING HOSPITALITY SHUTTLE					
The Village at Mammoth to/from Mammoth Mountain Inn	Dec 17 - Apr 16	6:00 pm - 11:30 pm	Every 30 minutes The Village Stop #18 Mammoth Mountain Inn	First bus in bold :00 :30 :15 :45	11:15 pm
EVENING TROLLEY					
Snowcreek Athletic Club to/from The Village at Mammoth with stops to Juniper Springs Resort and Canyon Lodge area	Nov 21 - Apr 25	5:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Every 30 minutes** Snowcreek Stop #1 The Village Stop #90	First bus in bold :00 :30 :16 :46	1:30 am 1:46 am
LATE NIGHT TROLLEY					
Snowcreek Athletic Club to/from The Village at Mammoth (Stops available to Juniper Springs Resort and Canyon Lodge area upon request)	Nov 21 - Apr 25	10:00 pm - 2:00 am	Every 30 minutes** Snowcreek Stop #1 The Village Stop #90	First bus in bold :00 :30 :16 :46	1:30 am 1:46 am

ALL SCHEDULES AND/OR FARES SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND/OR CANCELLATION.

*COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION OF WINTER TRANSIT SERVICE IS DEPENDENT ON MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN'S WINTER OPERATIONS.

**SERVICE OPERATES LESS FREQUENTLY DURING NON-PEAK LATE SEASON.

SUMMER TRANSIT SCHEDULE

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Bus stops noted on maps – pages 30-32			Timetable for all stops available online		
Route	Dates	Service	Frequency/Location	Time Past Hour	Last Bus
TOWN TROLLEY WITH 3-CAPACITY BIKE RACK Snowcreek Athletic Club to/from The Village at Mammoth and Canyon Lodge	May 27 - Jun 24	7:00 am - 10:00 pm	Every 30 minutes Snowcreek Stop #1 The Village (Minaret Stop)		See map on pages 30-31
TOWN TROLLEY WITH 3-CAPACITY BIKE RACK Snowcreek Athletic Club to/from The Village at Mammoth and Canyon Lodge	Jun 25 - Sep 5	7:00 am - 2:00 am	Every 20 minutes Snowcreek Stop #1 The Village (Minaret Stop)		See map on pages 30-31 (Service frequency is every 30 minutes from midnight to 2:00 am)
TOWN TROLLEY WITH 3-CAPACITY BIKE RACK Snowcreek Athletic Club to/from The Village at Mammoth and Canyon Lodge	Sep 6 - Nov 18	7:00 am - 10:00 pm	Every 30 minutes Snowcreek Stop #1 The Village (Minaret Stop)		See map on pages 30-31
LAKES BASIN TROLLEY WITH 14-BIKE TRAILER The Village at Mammoth to Mammoth Lakes Basin	May 27 - Jun 24	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Every 30 minutes weekends & holidays Every 60 minutes weekdays The Village Stop #90 Lake Mary Marina Stop #100 Horseshoe Lake Stop #104 Tamarack Lodge Stop #95 (last bus)		See map on page 32 :00 :30 5:00 pm :19 :49 5:19 pm :30 :00 5:30 pm :42 :12 5:42 pm
	Jun 25 - Aug 21	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Every 30 minutes		
	Aug 22 - Sep 5	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Every 30 minutes weekends & holidays Every 60 minutes weekdays		
	Sep 6 - Sep 25	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Every 60 minutes		
PURPLE LINE Vons parking lot to/from The Village at Mammoth	Year-round	7:00 am - 6:00 pm	Every 30 minutes Vons Stop #25 The Village (Canyon Stop) The Village (Minaret Stop)		See map on pages 30-31 :00 :30 5:30 pm :15 :45 5:45 pm :19 :49 5:49 pm

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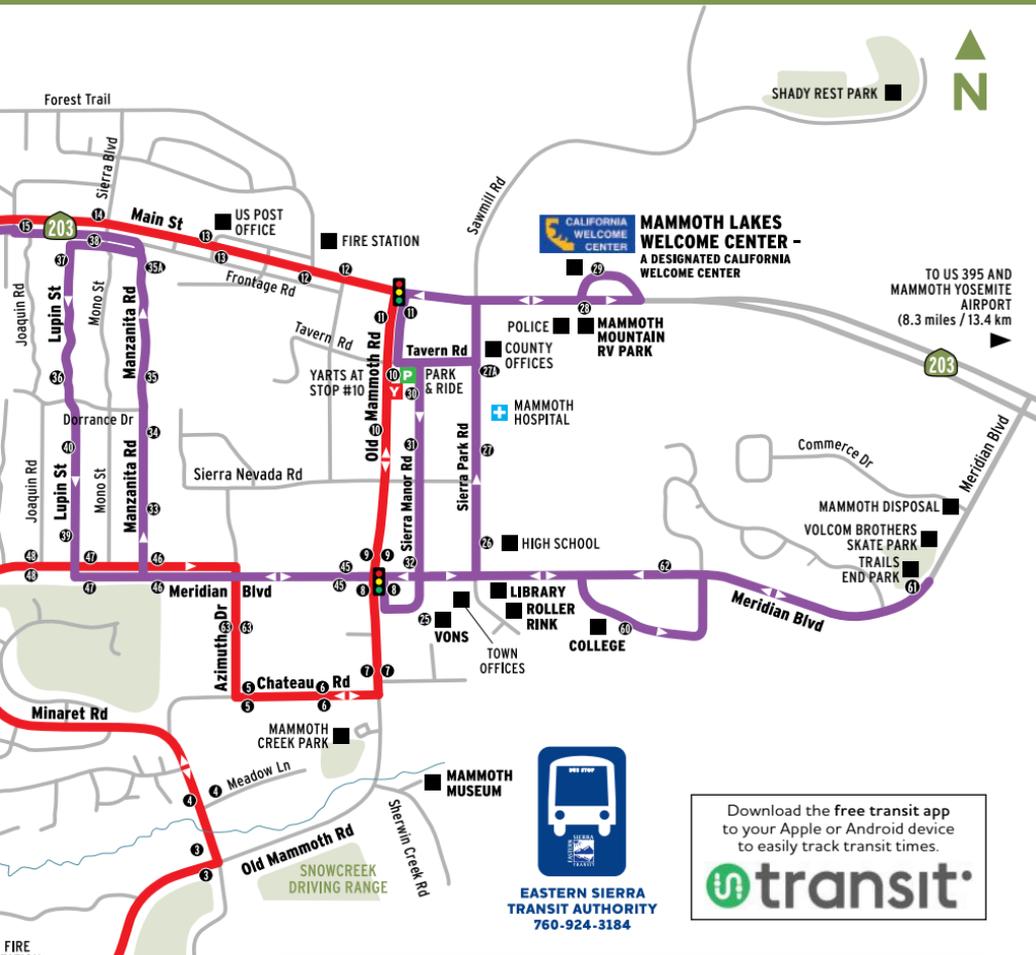
Yosemite National Park Mass Transit – PAID

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (YARTS)
877-989-2787
www.YARTS.com



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- Season: July – September
- Reserve tickets and search additional routes online




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Summer Transit Routes

	TOWN TROLLEY Main Lodge – The Village at Mammoth – Juniper Springs Resort – Snowcreek Athletic Club		ROUTE DIRECTION
	MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN TROLLEY The Village at Mammoth – Mammoth Lakes Basin		BUS STOP
	MAMMOTH BIKE PARK SHUTTLE The Village at Mammoth – Mammoth Adventure Center		YARTS STOP Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (see page 31)
	REDS MEADOW SHUTTLE The Village at Mammoth – Mammoth Adventure Center – Reds Meadow		PARK & RIDE LOT
	PURPLE LINE The Village at Mammoth – Vons – Trails End Park – Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center		HOSPITAL

SUMMER TRANSIT MAP – MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN

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SUMMER TRANSIT MAP – REDS MEADOW





ADVENTURE IS JUST A FLIGHT AWAY

Seasonal air service to Mammoth Lakes makes getting here easy. Connect to Mammoth Lakes from cities around the world when you fly on United into Eastern Sierra Regional Airport (BIH) in Bishop. Or hop on an Advanced Airlines flight from Hawthorne (HHR), Burbank (BUR) or Carlsbad (CLD) to Mammoth Yosemite Airport (MMH), just 10 minutes from town.

All flights subject to change and/or cancellation without notice.

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