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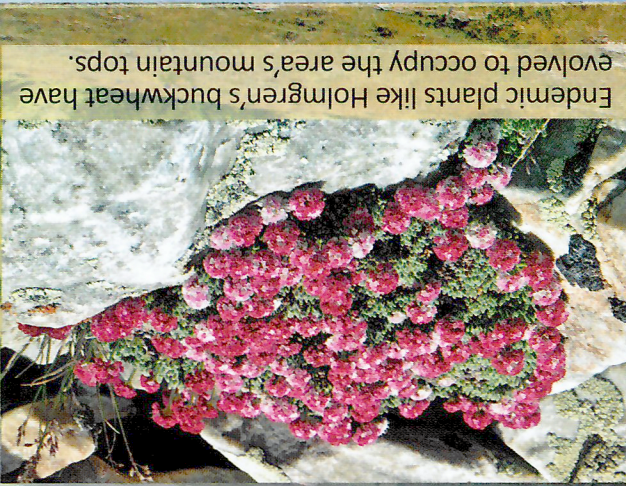
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Endemic plants like Holmgren's buckwheat have evolved to occupy the area's mountain tops.



Get down low to the ground and you may come face to face with a long-nosed leopard lizard.



Submerge yourself in a lush desert spring and you may be visited by vibrant dragonflies.

Things to Do in Nevada

- Baker Archeological Site** (M11 / Inset II)
greatbasinheritage.org/baker-archeological-site
- Big Warm Springs / Duckwater Indian Reservation** (C12) www.duckwatertribe.org
- Blue Mass Scenic Area** (L5)
greatbasinheritagearea.org/blue-mass
- Bristlecone Convention Center / White Pine Tourism** (H9 / Inset I) elynevada.net/aboutus/bristlecone.html
- Cave Lake State Park** (I10)
parks.nv.gov/parks/cave-lake-state-park
- Central Theater** (H9 / Inset I)
elynevada.net/thingstodo/City/movies.html
- Cherry Creek Museum** (H4)
greatbasinheritage.org/cherry-creek-nevada
- East Ely State Railroad Museum** (H9 / Inset I)
museums.nevadaculture.org; 775-289-1663
- Ely Art Bank, Renaissance Village and Mural Project** (H9 / Inset I) www.elyrenaissance.com
- Ely Shoshone Tribe** (H9 / Inset I)
www.elyshoshonetribe-nsn.gov
- Garnet Hill** (H9)
elynevada.net/thingstodo/Natural/garnethill.html
- Great Basin National Park & Lehman Caves** (L11 / Inset II)
www.nps.gov/grba; 775-234-7331
- Hamilton Ghost Town** (D9)
ghosttowns.com/states/nv/hamilton.html
- Historic Baker Ranger Station / GBHAP Office** (M11 / Inset II) www.greatbasinheritage.org; 775-234-7171
- McGill Historical Drug Company** (H8)
mcgilldrugstoremuseum.org

- Mount Moriah Wilderness Area** (M9)
greatbasinheritagearea.org/mount-moriah-wilderness-area
- Nevada Northern Railway National Historic Landmark** (H9 / Inset I) www.nnry.com; 775-289-2098
- Osceola** (K10)
ghosttowns.com/states/nv/osceola.html
- Pony Express Trail – Schellbourne Station** (I5)
greatbasinheritage.org/schellbourne-station-nevada
- Robinson Mine** (G9)
greatbasinheritage.org/robinson-mining-district
- Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge** (D2)
www.fws.gov/Refuge/Ruby_Lake
- Sacramento Pass Recreation Area** (K10)
blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office/blm_programs/recreation/camping.html
- Spring Creek Rearing Station** (M12/ Inset II)
nps.gov/grba/learn/nature/spring-creek-rearing-station.htm
- Success Loop Scenic Drive** (I9)
exploringnevada.com/scenic-drives/success-loop-scenic-drive.php
- Swamp Cedar Natural Area** (K10)
greatbasinheritage.org/the-swamp-cedars
- Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park** (H11)
parks.nv.gov/parks/ward-charcoal-ovens-state-historic-park
- White Pine Public Museum** (H9 / Inset I)
www.wpnmuseum.org

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A WORLD WITHIN.
A STATE APART.

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Things to Do in Utah

- Adelaide Campground** (X13)
www.fs.usda.gov/main/fishlake or 435-743-5721
- Amasa Basin ATV Trails** (R10)
millardcounty.com/maps/atvmaps.htm
- Antelope Springs Trilobites** (R8)
millardcounty.com/thingstodo/trilobites.htm
- Burbank Hills ATV Trails** (O13)
www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/fillmore/recreation/ohv.html
- Clear Lake Wildlife Management Area** (V10)
greatbasinheritage.org/clear-lake-wildlife-management-area
- Conger Mountain ATV Trail** (O10)
millardcounty.com/maps/atvmaps.htm
- Cosmic Ray Center** (V8/Inset III) & **Telescope Array** (T8)
www.telescopearray.org
- Cove Fort** (V14)
www.lids.org/locations/cove-fort-historic-site
- Cricket Mountains ATV Trails** (T12)
millardcounty.com/maps/atvmaps.htm
- Crystal Ball Cave** (N7)
Call for cave tours: 435-693-3145
- Crystal Peak** (P13)
greatbasinheritage.org/crystal-peak
- Desert Range Experimental Station** (O14)
fs.fed.us/rmrs/experimental-forests/desert-experimental-range
- Deseret Relief Society Building** (V9 / Inset III)
greatbasinheritage.org/deseret-relief-society-building
- Fillmore Historic Walking Tour** (X11)
greatbasinheritagearea.org/fillmore-historic-walking-tour
- Fort Deseret** (V9 / Inset III)
millardcounty.com/placetosee/oldfortdeseret.htm

- Fossil Mountain** (Q12)
millardcounty.com/thingstodo/otherrockhounding.htm
- Gandy Warm Springs** (N7)
files.geology.utah.gov/surveynotes/geosights/gandy_warm_spgs.pdf
- Great Basin Museum** (V8 / Inset III)
greatbasinmuseum.com
- Gunnison Bend Reservoir** (V8 / Inset III)
millardcounty.com/thingstodo/gunnisonbendreservoir.htm
- Maple Grove Campground** (Y11)
www.fs.usda.gov/main/fishlake or 435-743-5721
- Notch Peak** (Q10)
greatbasinheritage.org/notch-peak
- Oak Creek Campground** (X8)
www.fs.usda.gov/main/fishlake or 435-743-5721
- Pahvant Valley Heritage Trail** (W9)
www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/fillmore/recreation/heritage_trails/Heritage_Trails.html
- Pauiute ATV-UTV Trail** (X11)
www.atvutah.com/southern/pauiute.htm
- Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum** (X11)
stateparks.utah.gov/park/territorial-statehouse
- Topaz WWII Japanese American Internment Camp & Topaz Museum** (V8 / Inset III) www.topazmuseum.org
- Volcanoes and Lava Tubes** (W12)
millardcounty.com/placetosee/volcanoes.htm

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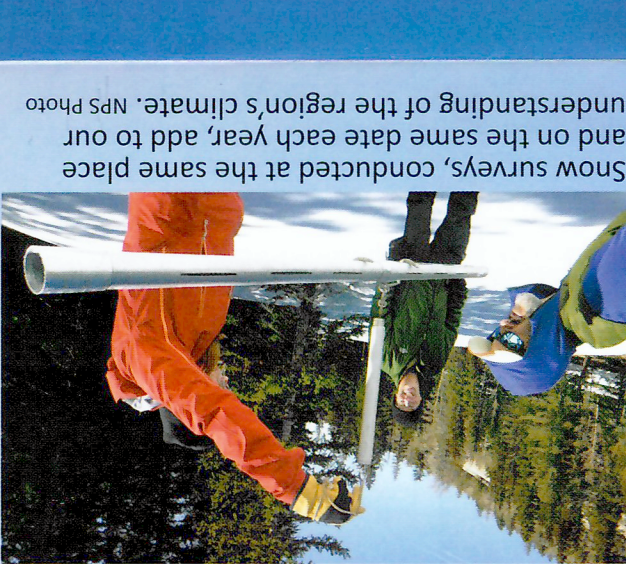
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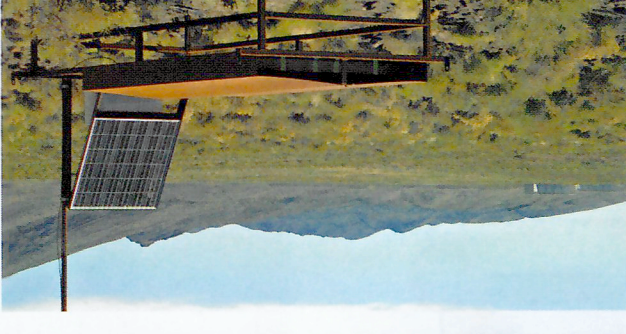
A Different Perspective



GNHAs remoteness and dry desert air make for incredible night skies. NPS photo



The Telescope Array Project's scintillator surface detectors can be seen west of Delta, Utah.



With elevations ranging from 5,000 to over 13,000 feet above sea level, Great Basin National Park is biologically diverse, making it an excellent outdoor classroom. Park scientists collect and interpret data for long term monitoring projects and provide opportunities for “citizen scientists” with the annual bioblitz, bird counts, and snow surveys.

The physical environment is not the only aspect of the Great Basin worth investigating: minimal development combined with the dry climate allows evidence of past cultures to be preserved. Rock art along the Pahvant Valley Heritage Trail, tree carvings in the High Schellville, and building foundations at the Topaz Internment Camp all help to tell a story of those who lived here decades or centuries ago. Note: If you come across artifacts, please leave them in place, as their meaning is best understood in their original physical context!

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A Landscape for Learning



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Great Basin National Heritage Driving Tour

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See how Mormon pioneers lived at Cove Fort, 32 miles south of Fillmore on Interstate 15.

The Great Basin National Heritage Area may seem far from everything modern life. But starting from Salt Lake City or Las Vegas, the GBNHA can be experienced in just two or three days.

Straddling the Nevada-Utah state line, the Great Basin National Heritage Area lies within its namesake drainage and desert. In 2006, Congress designated the area in recognition of its classic western landscape: high desert valley and biologically rich mountain ranges sprinkled with farms and ranches; historic mines and railroads; archaeological sites; and tribal communities. The GBNHA includes all of white pine County, Nevada; Millard County, Utah; and the Duckwater Shoshone Reservation. It is home to two National Historic Landmarks (the Nevada Northern Railway and the Topaz WWII Japanese American Internment Camp); several state parks, and Great Basin National Park. In total it covers nearly 16,000 square miles—an area as large as the states of Connecticut and Massachusetts combined—but has only 21,000 residents.

Human habitation in the Great Basin stretches back over 13,000 years. Today, the Great Basin National Heritage Area is enriched by the descendants of the region’s first peoples. While the official lands of these groups are their homelands extended throughout the Great Basin, where for millennia they migrated in response to seasonal and longer-term environmental changes. Today, the tribes of the Great Basin continue to adapt to a changing world, preserving and sharing their traditions through celebrations of their dance, music, and arts. Many events are open to the public.

At first glance, the single leaf pinyon pine may appear unremarkable, but the importance of this tree cannot be overstated. Pine nuts were a staple of Great Basin tribes; the nuts from just a few trees could sustain a family through the lean winter months. So important was a bountiful harvest sent great distances to locate the next good crop, pine nut collecting is permitted on public lands throughout the heritage area. Check with individual agencies for specifics. September is usually the best time for collection. www.nps.gov/grba/planyourvisit/pineungather.htm

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