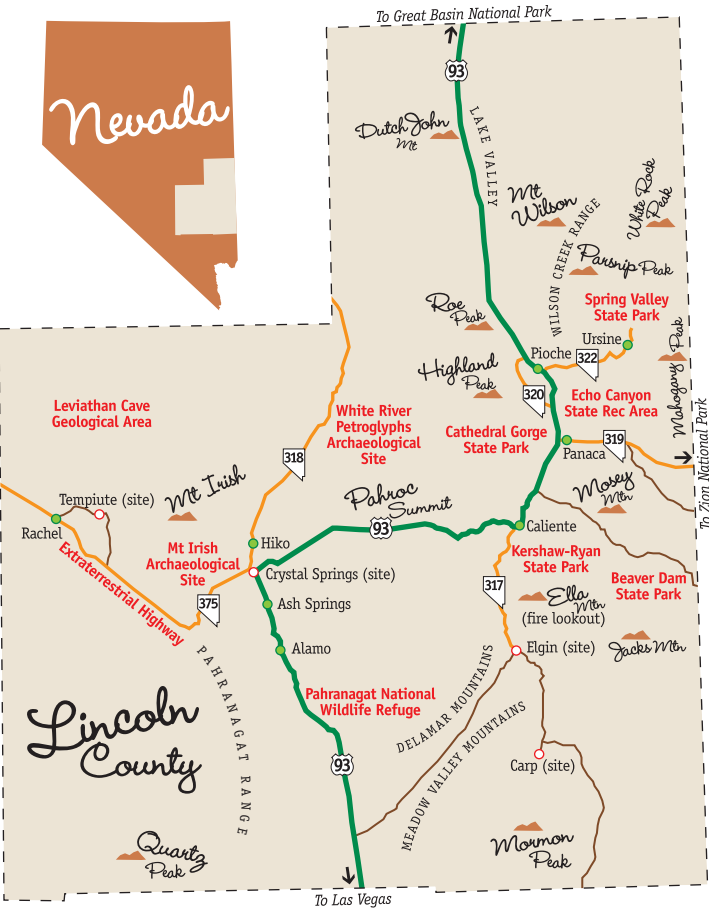


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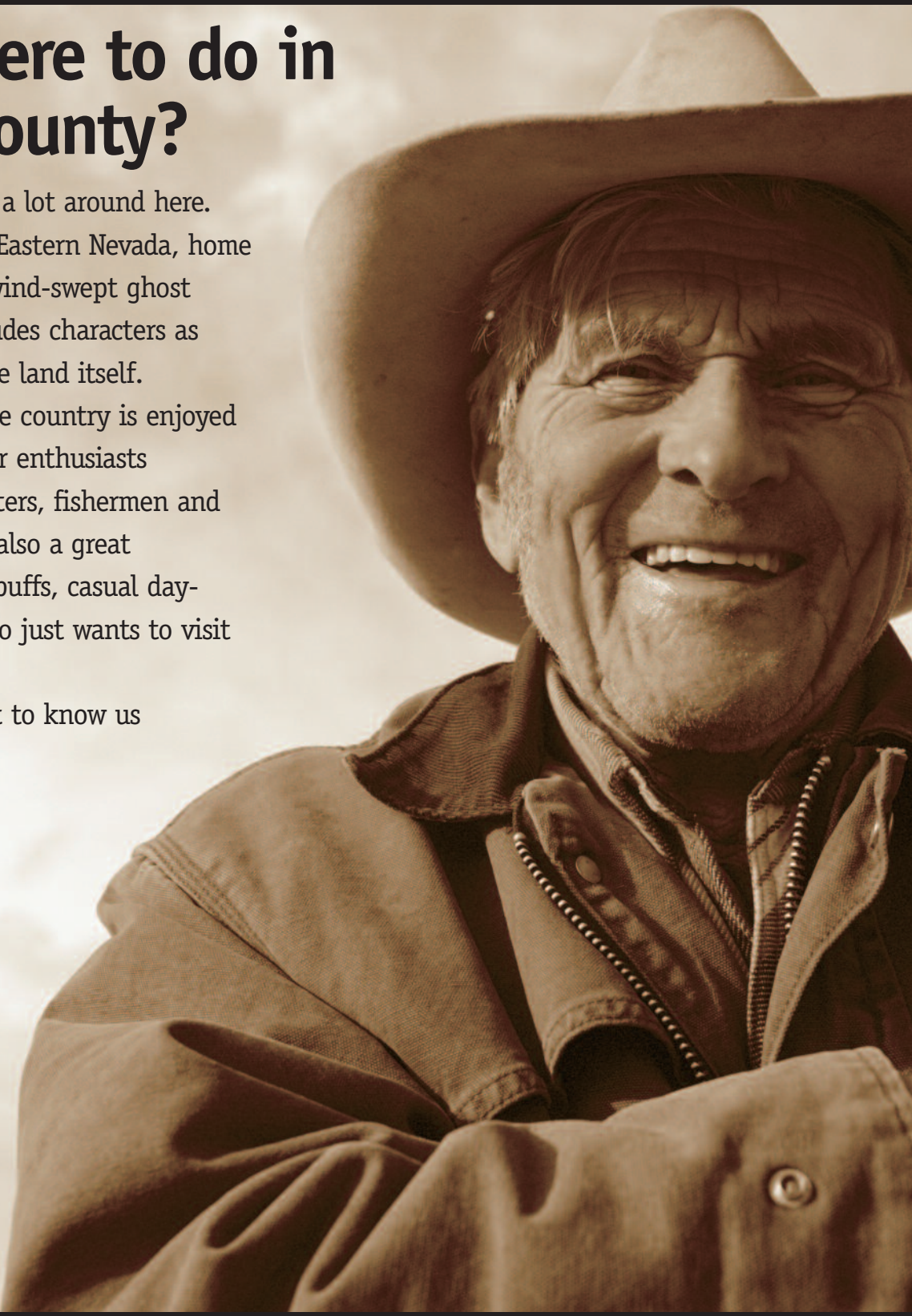
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What's there to do in Lincoln County?

"We hear that question a lot around here. Yeah, we're way out in Eastern Nevada, home of cattle ranchers and wind-swept ghost towns. Our history includes characters as rough and rugged as the land itself. But every year this same country is enjoyed by thousands of outdoor enthusiasts including campers, hunters, fishermen and mountain bikers. We're also a great destination for history buffs, casual day-trippers and anyone who just wants to visit some new sights. So come on out and get to know us a little better."



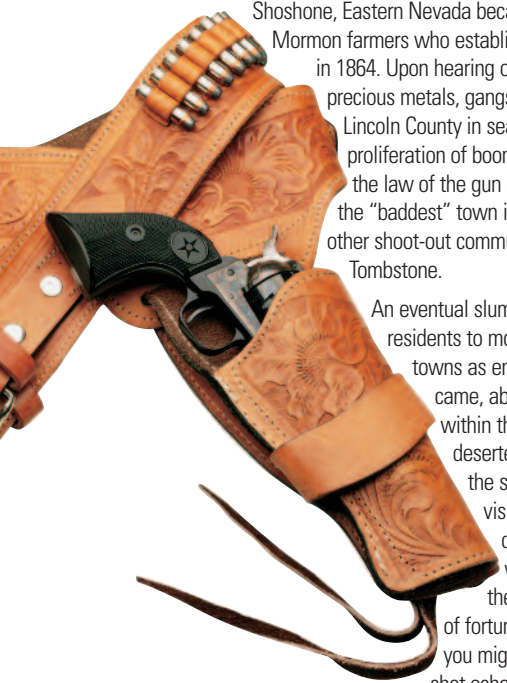


History

Gold, Silver, & the Law of the West

Originally home to the Southern Paiutes and Western Shoshone, Eastern Nevada became the destination of Mormon farmers who established the town of Panaca in 1864. Upon hearing of the abundance of precious metals, gangs of miners swarmed Lincoln County in search of silver and gold. A proliferation of boomtowns were governed by the law of the gun and Pioche was considered the “baddest” town in the west, overshadowing other shoot-out communities such as Bodie and Tombstone.

An eventual slump in mining caused residents to move out of many of these towns as enthusiastically as they came, abandoning their dreams within the bare walls of the deserted buildings. You can feel the spirit of the past when visiting Helene and numerous other ghost towns, a time when men were pulled into these mountains by dreams of fortunes. Listening really hard, you might even hear a distant gun shot echo across the horizon.



"It's been said that seventy-five men were killed in gunfights and buried in its 'Boot Hill' cemetery before anyone died of natural causes."

Recreation

As Diverse as the Land

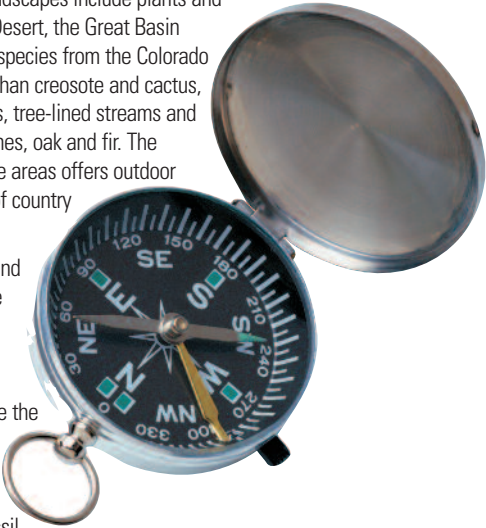


"What can you do in over 10,000 square miles of wide-open country? Just about any outdoor recreation imaginable."

Lincoln County's natural landscapes include plants and animals from the Mojave Desert, the Great Basin Uplands and a spillover of species from the Colorado Plateau to the east. More than creosote and cactus, you will find lush meadows, tree-lined streams and mountains cloaked with pines, oak and fir. The culmination of these unique areas offers outdoor enthusiasts a wide range of country to enjoy.

There's abundant hunting and fishing for sportsmen while campers and hikers can explore seemingly endless trails. Birdwatchers and wildlife photographers have the opportunity to observe wide varieties of species in this high mountain desert. Prospectors and fossil hunters study what's in the earth rather than on top. Geologic interests include Cathedral Gorge State Park, and when the sun goes down astronomers and stargazers are treated to a dazzling view of the heavens.

With some of the most diverse terrain in Nevada, we are considered the next mountain biking mecca. ATV treks, four-wheeling excursions, motorcycle and off-highway racing are also popular, with events held just about every summer weekend. During the winter, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling keep our visitors from catching cabin fever.



Location

The Middle of Nowhere isn't that Far Away

It seems like Lincoln County is out in the middle of nowhere, but actually we're the perfect day-trip from Las Vegas (55 miles to the southern border) and Zion National Park (less than 90 miles from the eastern border). A favorite getaway for Las Vegas visitors and residents, the cooler temperature provides a road trip that contrasts the hot action of the casinos. Zion and Bryce Canyon National Park visitors can add to their vacation experiences by taking the fast route over the Nevada/Utah border and seeing the unique sights of Lincoln County.

Once you're here, Lincoln County has two wildlife areas and six Nevada State Parks – the largest concentration of parks in Nevada. Kershaw-Ryan, Spring Valley, Cathedral Gorge, Echo Canyon and Beaver Dam State Parks all have something different and interesting to offer the traveler.

If you decide to kick off your boots and stay for awhile, we have a variety of friendly hotels, restaurants, RV parks and campgrounds to choose from.



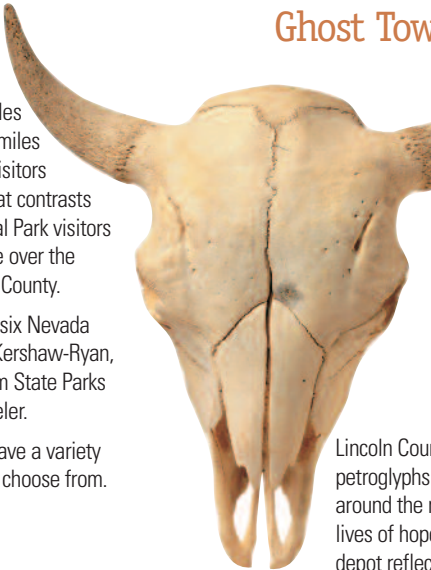
"With temperatures eight to twenty-three degrees cooler than Las Vegas, it's no wonder so many people take the short two-hour drive to our calmer climate."

"Found only in Lincoln County, this petroglyph design has been nicknamed 'Pahranagat Man.' You can find him at Mt. Irish Archeological Site. These Native American designs are irreplaceable reminders of the past; please treat them with respect."



Sightseeing

Abandoned Mines, Ghost Towns and UFOs



Lincoln County is rich with things to see and do. Native American petroglyphs in the Pahranagat Valley, numerous old mines scattered around the mountains and ghost towns that open a window to the past lives of hope and hardscrabble. Caliente and its impressive two-story train depot reflect the days of the steam engine while Alamo has a colorful history of thieves and cattle rustlers. When driving state route 375 late at night, the bright lights behind you might not be from a cattle truck. This is the “Extraterrestrial Highway,” and the town of Rachel is referred to as “UFO Central.”

In addition to abandoned mines, ghost towns and aliens, we also have traditional events that are fun. These celebrations include Caliente's Homecoming in May, Pioche's Heritage Plays, Panaca's Pioneer Day, Caliente's Fourth of July Celebration, Lincoln County Fair and Pioche's Labor Day Celebration. For a country holiday experience, there's pine nut picking, holiday craft bazaars and Christmas tree cutting.

