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BIKER BUZZ

“Some destinations are motorcycle-rider tolerant and others are said to be biker friendly. But the state of Nevada is downright rider enthusiastic. If you are traveling on two motorized wheels, Nevadans want you here. As refreshing as that attitude is, things are made even better by the fact that Nevada roads are great and the scenery diverse – often as breathtaking as anywhere I’ve ever ridden.

It could be winding through the mountains before stopping in historic mining towns like Goldfield. Then again, how about skirting past the haunting beauty of Walker Lake or riding in the desert while witnessing the snow still capped on Mount Charleston? Can anything compare to seeing the neon-lit night sky of Las Vegas or passing through the Valley of Fire before taking in the restful hospitality of a smaller place like Mesquite? Likely not. Nevada really is a motorcycle rider’s paradise.”

– Dan Parker
*Thunder Press Magazine Northern California/
Nevada Bureau Chief*

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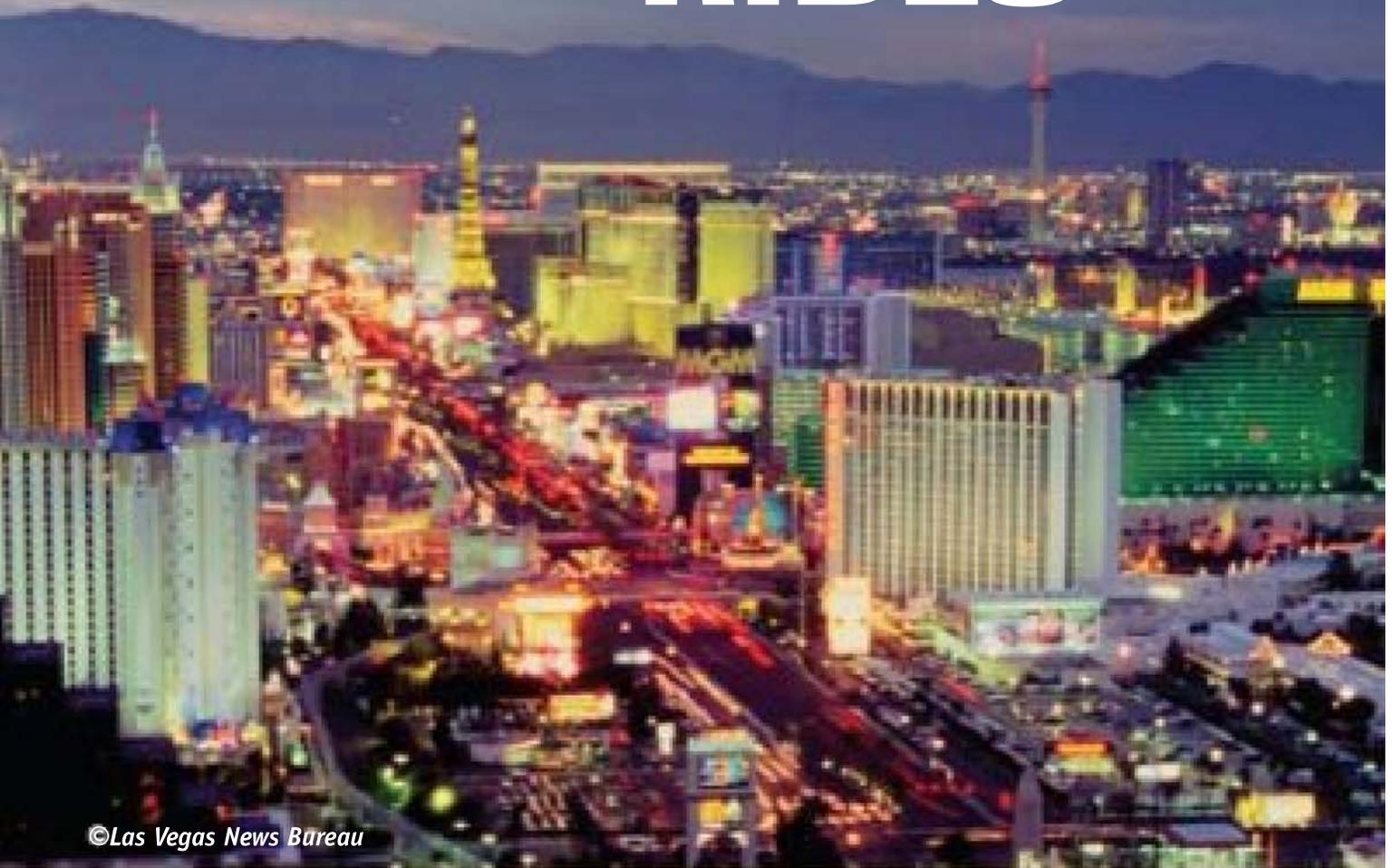


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Nevada. A land of extremes. One of the cowboy's last havens and a refuge for wild horses and bighorn sheep. Soaring mountains looming over ghost towns, plunging valleys snaking through terrain carved, crashed, and dragged into place by nature's most powerful forces. And we haven't even mentioned Las Vegas yet. All the excitement, adventure, and intrigue within our borders is yours for the taking. Our roads are endless. Let's ride.



SOUTHERN RIDES



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1: LAS VEGAS

A concentrated collection of neon and lights, the Strip has been designated an *All-American Road* and is America's only nighttime Scenic Byway.

The Ride (7.5 miles): Start at the "Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas" sign – a half-mile south of Mandalay Bay near Russell Road – and continue north on Las Vegas Boulevard.



2: RED ROCK CANYON

Red Rock's proximity to Vegas makes this little ride a big favorite.

The route follows a one-way paved road past red sandstone peaks and features self-guided trails, picnic areas, and vista pull-outs.

The Ride (44 miles): Follow Charleston Boulevard until it turns into SR 159 near the outskirts of town, about 10 miles from the Strip. Follow SR 159 around the Red Rock Scenic Loop on SR 159 south to Blue Diamond, 23 miles. A left on SR 160 will take you back to Las Vegas, 11 miles.

3: VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK

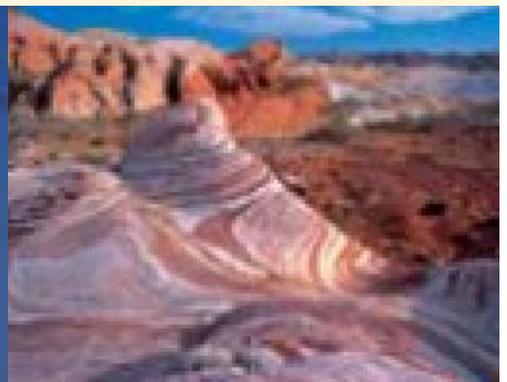
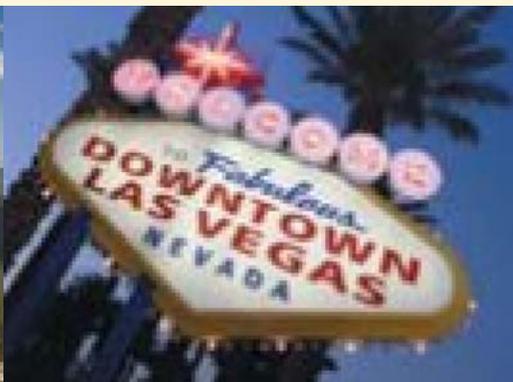
This is Nevada's oldest and largest state park, filled with petrified wood and unusual rock formations like the Seven Sisters, Mouse's Tank and Elephant Rock.

The Ride (128 miles): Take Interstate 15 north from Las Vegas to SR 169 at Exit 93, 51 miles. Follow SR 169 through Logandale and into the park via the Valley of Fire Scenic Byway and back to I-15, 45 miles. I-15 south will take you the 32 miles back to Las Vegas.

4: MOUNT CHARLESTON

At 11,915 feet, Charleston Peak is the highest point in southern Nevada. When summertime temperatures soar in Las Vegas, the mountain air will be a pleasant 20 to 25 degrees cooler – a perfect complement to limestone peaks and beautiful canyons.

The Ride (87 miles): On US 95, head north from Las Vegas to Lee Canyon Road (SR 156), 30 miles. Follow Lee Canyon west up the mountain and turn left on Deer Creek Road (SR 158), 15 miles. After nine miles turn left on Kyle Canyon Road (SR 157) and follow it back to US 95, 17 miles. From US 95 it's 16 miles south back to Las Vegas.





5: CRYSTAL-PAHRUMP LOOP

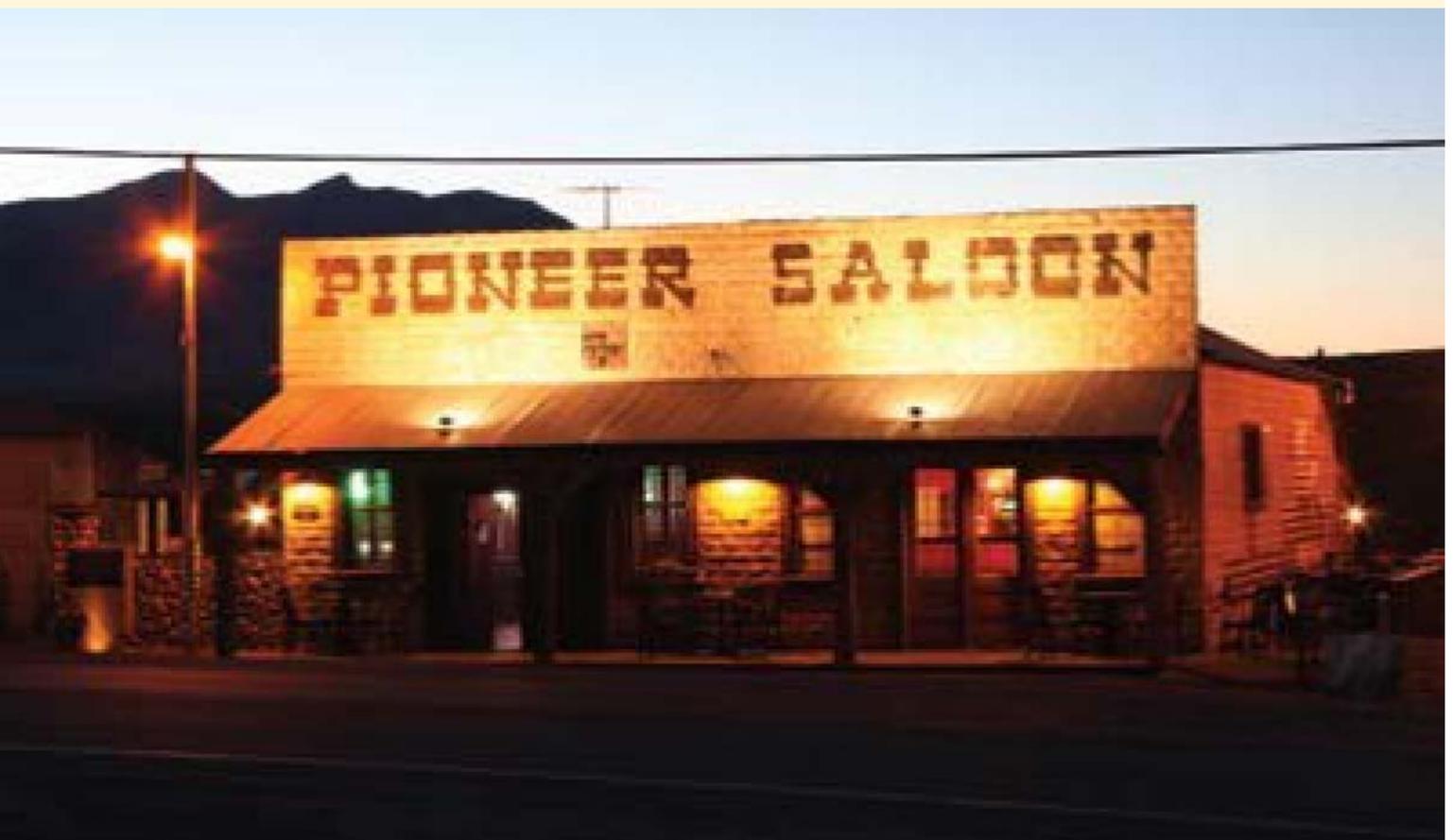
This ride takes you through the Paiute Indian Reservation and Indian Springs, home of Creech Air Force Base and the Predator reconnaissance aircraft. Make it a day trip or stay at a biker bed and breakfast in Crystal or a hotel in Pahrump. At Mountain Springs enjoy the winding mountain road and outstanding desert scenery.

The Ride (157 miles): On US 95 head north from Las Vegas to SR 160, 69 miles. Follow SR 160 to mile marker 32 and turn right to Crystal, eight miles round trip from SR 160. Follow SR 160 south to Pahrump and Mountain Springs and back to Las Vegas, 80 miles.

6: GOODSPRINGS

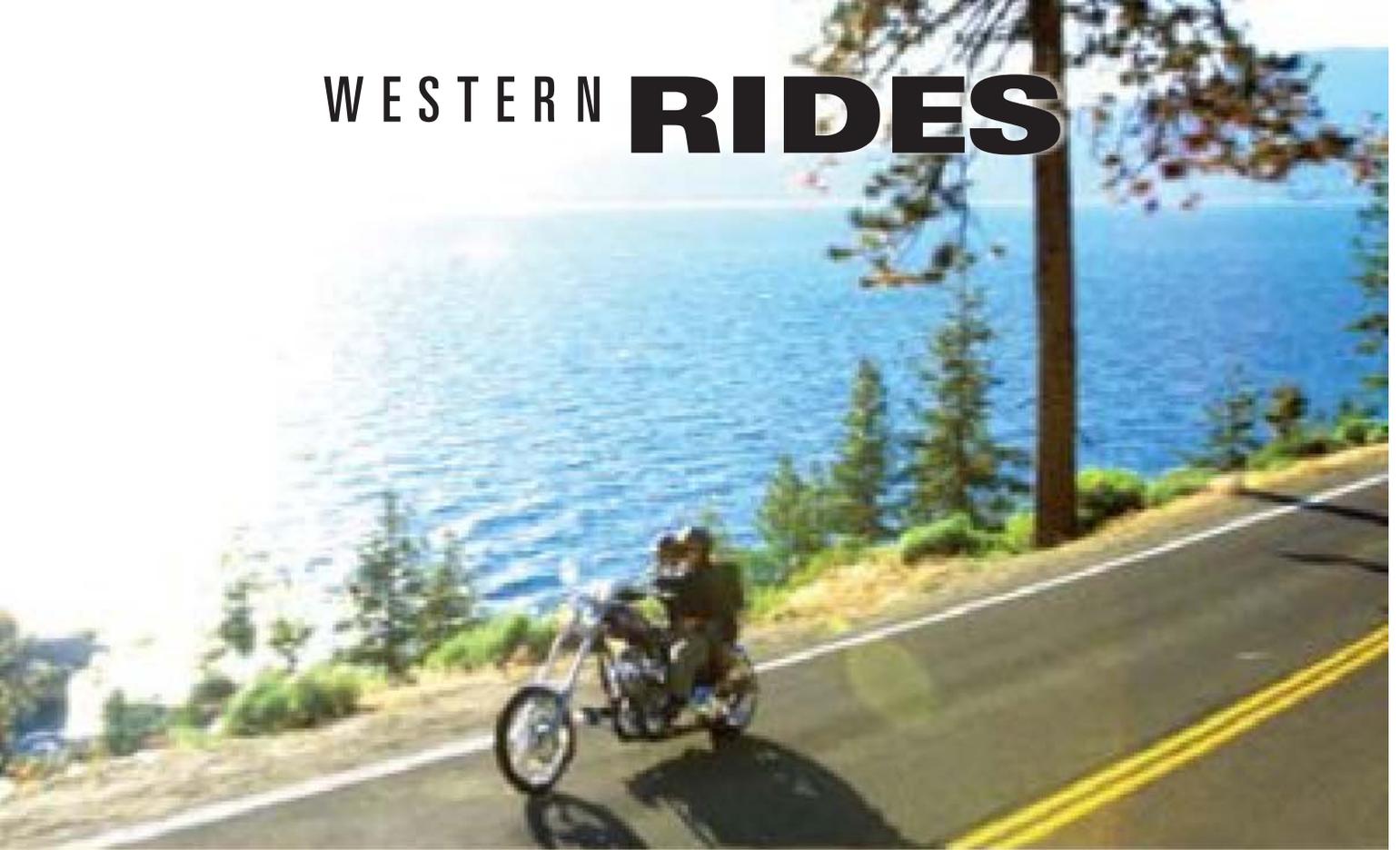
The Pioneer Saloon in Goodsprings is where Clark Gable waited for news about his wife, Carole Lombard, who was killed in a plane crash on nearby Potosi Mountain. These days the mood is pointedly more upbeat at this biker-friendly bar.

The Ride (76 miles): On I-15 head south from Las Vegas to SR 161 at exit 12, 31 miles. Follow SR 161 to Goodsprings, seven miles. Follow the same route back to Las Vegas, 38 miles.





WESTERN RIDES



7: LAKE TAHOE & GENOA LOOP

A ride around Lake Tahoe will show you why it is considered the jewel of the Sierra. Take a mid-trip break at Emerald Bay then re-energize in Nevada's oldest town, Genoa, at the biker-friendly Genoa Bar and Saloon, the oldest watering hole in Nevada.

The Ride (74 miles): LAKE TAHOE LOOP. From US 395 in south Reno, take Mount Rose Highway (SR 431) southwest to Incline Village, 28 miles. Turn right on SR 28 into California and to Tahoe City, 14 miles. California SR 89 follows the west shore of the lake past Emerald Bay and to South Lake Tahoe, 27 miles. Turn left onto US 50 and back to Nevada at Stateline, five miles.



The Ride (32 miles): SPOONER SUMMIT TO GENOA. From Stateline, riders have two options depending on their skill level. Less experienced riders can opt to follow US 50 over Spooner Summit east to US 395 in the Carson Valley, 22 miles. Turn right on US 395 and follow it one mile to Jacks Valley Road. Another right on Jacks Valley Road leads nine miles to Genoa.

The Ride (17 miles): KINGSBURY GRADE TO GENOA. More experienced riders will enjoy the scenery and the challenging, steep, winding ride down Kingsbury Grade. From Stateline, turn right onto SR 207 and follow for 11 miles to SR 206. Turn left on SR 206 and follow north to Genoa, six miles.

For both variations, follow Jacks Valley Road north from Genoa to US 395, nine miles, and back to Reno, 34 miles.

8: PARADISE VALLEY

The town of Paradise Valley is a quaint and quiet place to take a picnic lunch or stop at the local watering hole and general store. Just a short ride north of Winnemucca, Paradise Valley is the center of a ranching and farming oasis in the middle of the Nevada desert.

The Ride (80 miles): From Winnemucca, take US 95 north to SR 290, 22 miles. Follow SR 290 to Paradise Valley, 18 miles. Follow the same route back to Winnemucca, 40 miles.

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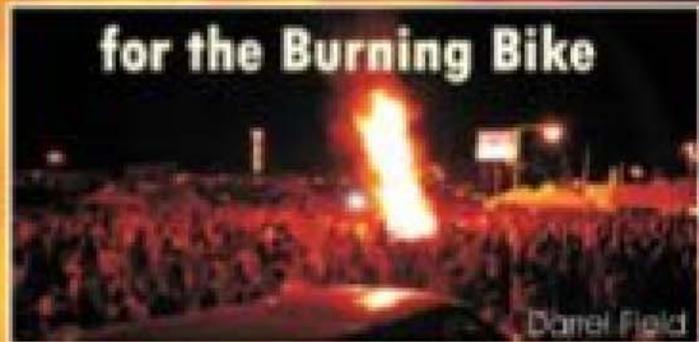
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CENTRAL **RIDES**

9: US 50, CARROLL SUMMIT VARIATION, & US 93

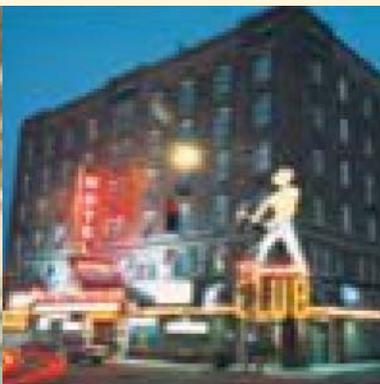
Throttle up and rumble down miles of open Nevada road as you celebrate the Harley-Davidson 105th-anniversary “Ride Home” to Milwaukee. From great little towns full of mom and pop shops and greasy spoons to funky cultural stops and biker-friendly watering holes, Highways 50 and 93 make for the perfect ride home.

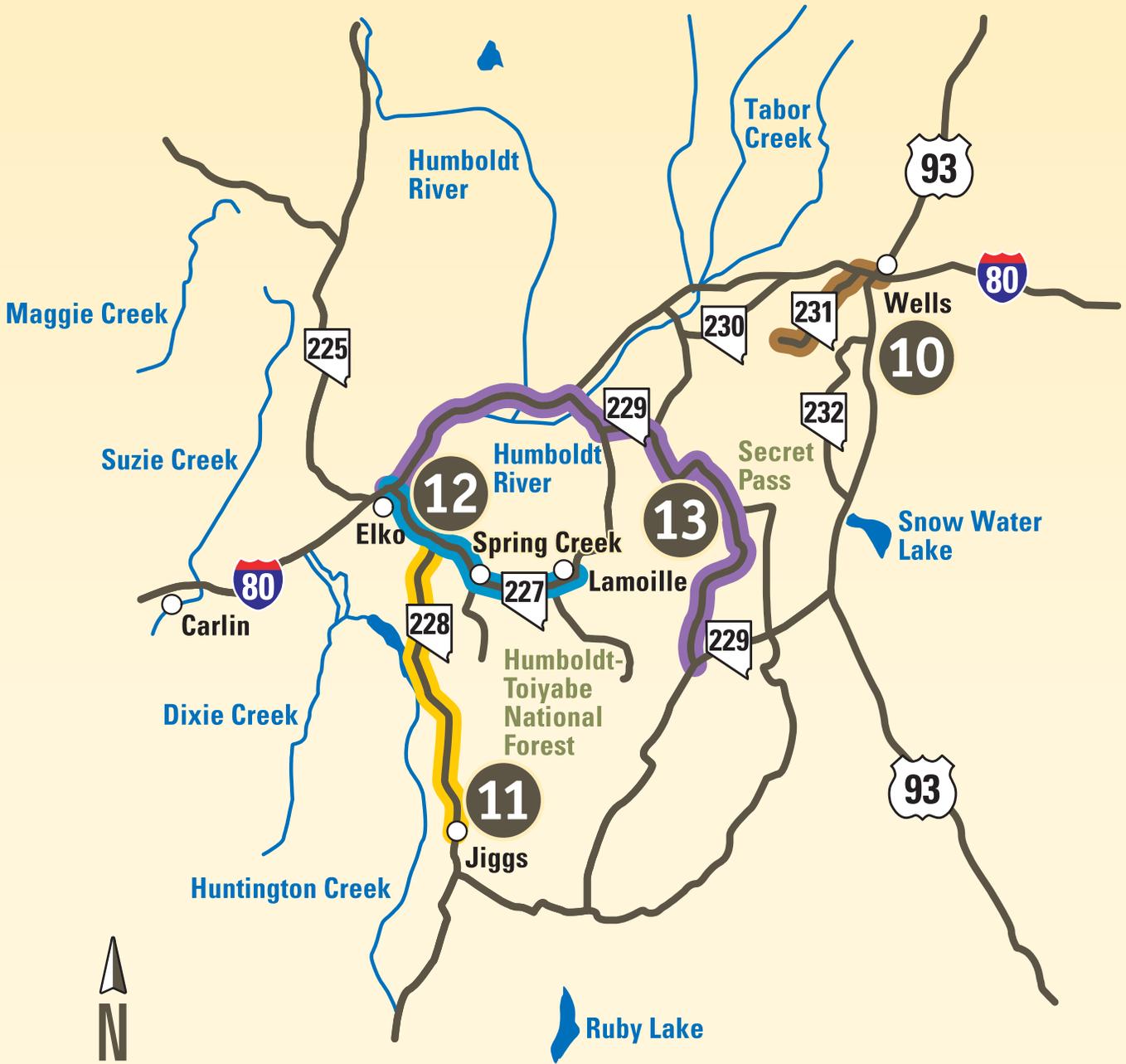




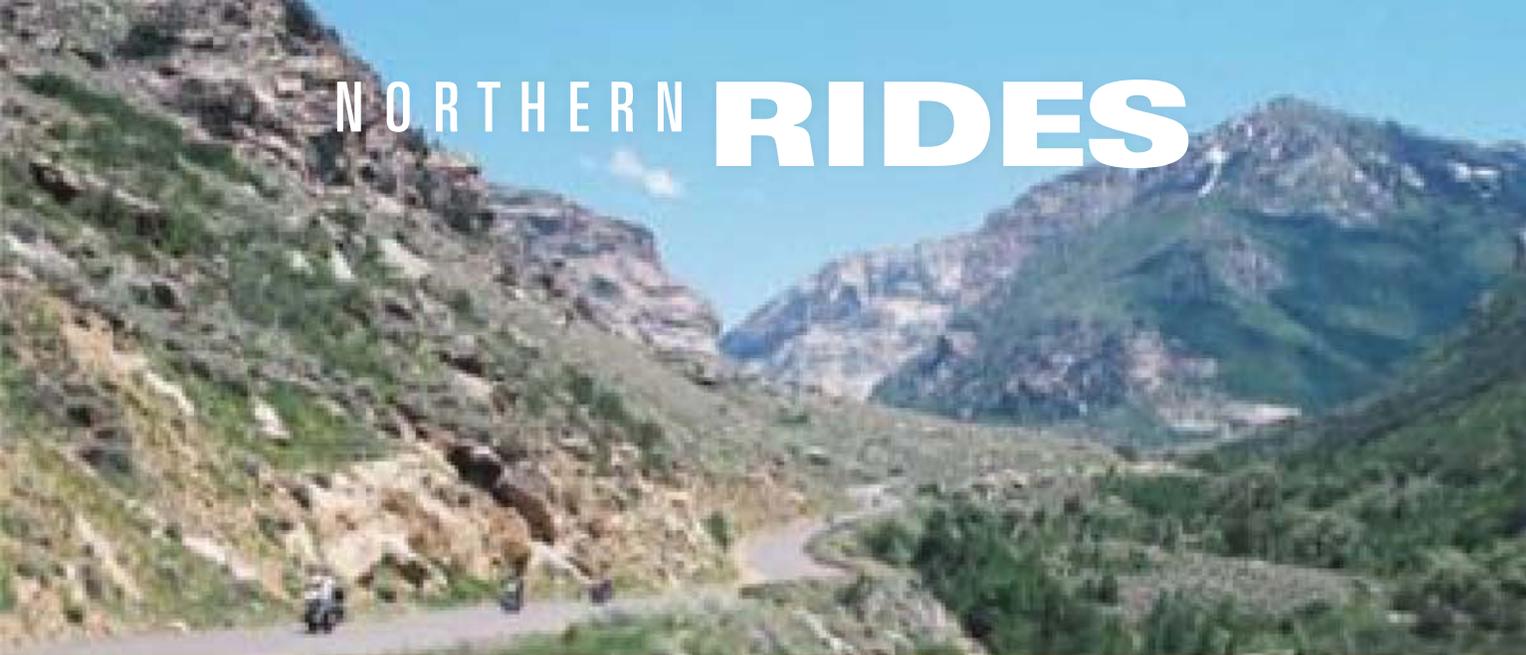
The Ride (464 miles): From Stateline head east on US 50 to Carson City, 25 miles. From Carson City follow US 50 to SR 722 three miles past Middlegate, 112 miles. Follow SR 722 over Carroll Summit and back to US 50, 59 miles. Follow US 50 through Austin and Eureka to Ely, 149 miles. From Ely, head north on US 93 and Alt. 93 to Wendover, 119 miles. (For Harley-Davidson “Ride Home” details, visit harley-davidson.com.)

Side Ride (82 miles round trip): Before heading north to Wendover, take a detour to Baker and Great Basin National Park. From Ely continue on US 50 east to SR 487, 30 miles. Follow SR 487 to Baker, five miles. Turn right on SR 488 and continue for six miles to the park. Follow the same route back to Ely, 41 miles.





NORTHERN RIDES



10: ANGEL LAKE

Angel Lake Scenic Byway is located in the East Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, an impressive backdrop as you make your way toward Angel Lake via this steep and winding road with terrain changing as the altitude increases.

The Ride (24 miles): From Wells, take SR 231 southwest, 12 miles. Follow the same route back to Wells, 12 miles.

11: JIGGS

The small town of Jiggs is located along the Hastings Cutoff of the California National Historic Trail. Be sure to visit the only operating business in Jiggs, the local watering hole.

The Ride (68 miles round trip): From Elko take SR 227 south to SR 228, seven miles. Turn right on SR 228 and continue for 27 miles to Jiggs. Follow the same route back to Elko, 34 miles.



12: LAMOILLE CANYON

Lamoille Canyon is the gateway to the lofty peaks of the Ruby Mountains, renowned as one of the most beautiful ranges in Nevada.

The Ride (64 miles round trip): From Elko to the end of Lamoille Canyon Road is 32 miles south on SR 227. Follow the same route back to Elko, 32 miles.

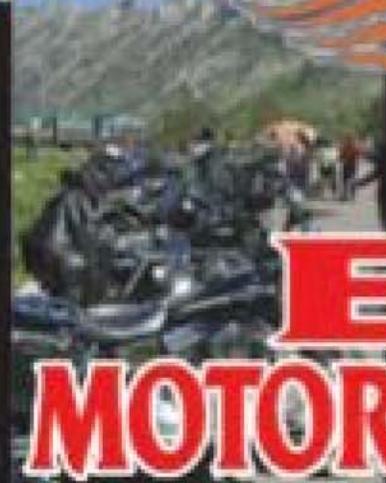
13: SECRET PASS

This pass separates the East Humboldt Range and Ruby Mountain sections, also known as Nevada's "Swiss Alps."

The Ride (78 miles round trip): From Elko follow I-80, 18 miles east to Halleck at exit 321. Secret Pass is 21 miles south on SR 229. Follow the same route back to Elko, 39 miles.

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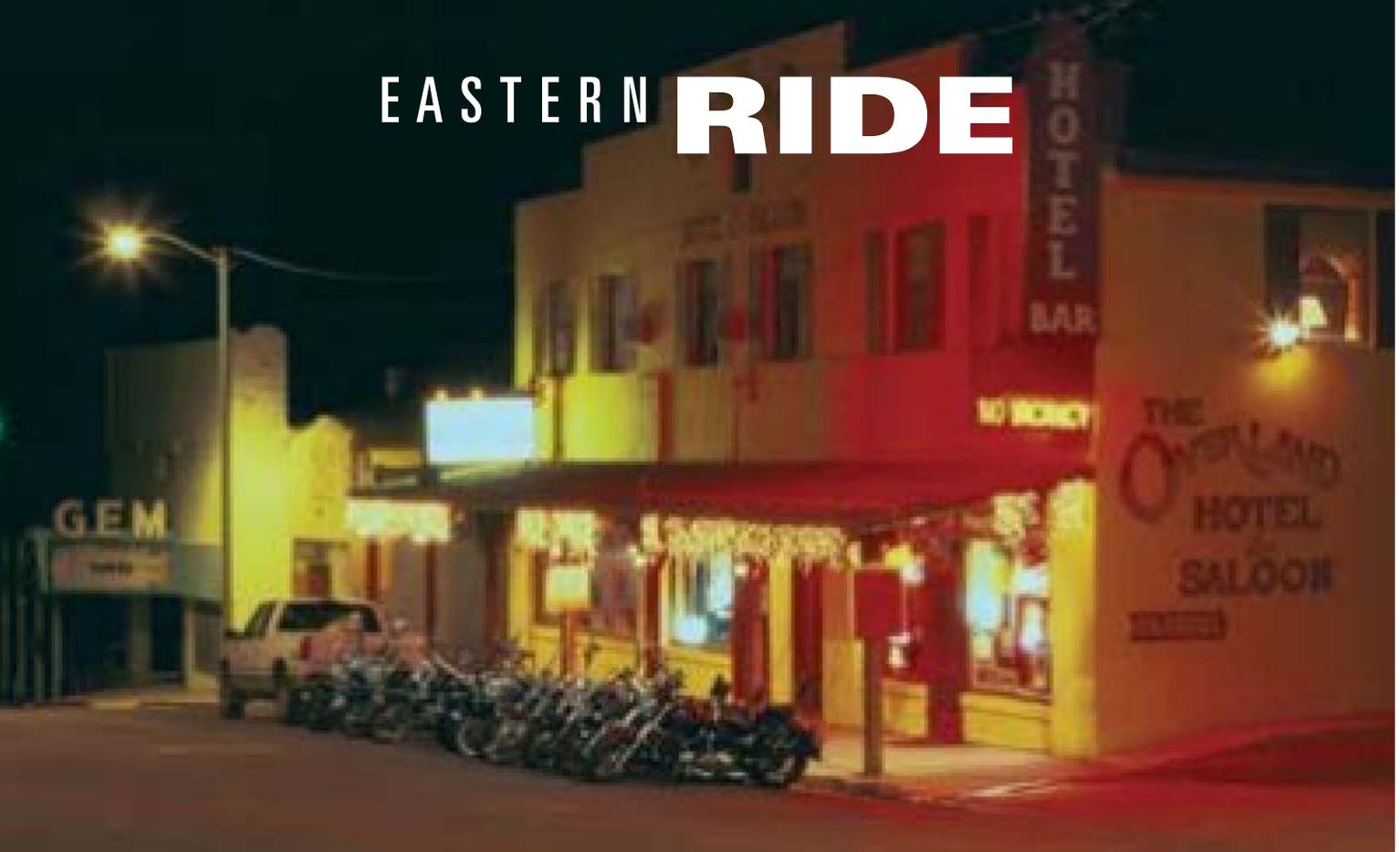
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EASTERN RIDE



14: LINCOLN COUNTY

If the rides in this guide were rated, this one would get five stars. That's one for each of Lincoln County's five state parks, some of the best-kept secrets in Nevada. Bikers who venture here will be rewarded with some of the most varied, scenic riding the state has to offer. This ride will take you to three of the five parks. Make Caliente, 149 miles north of Las Vegas, your base to enjoy rural Nevada at its best.



The Ride (101 miles): From Caliente travel 16 miles north on US 93 to Cathedral Gorge State Park. Continue north on US 93 for five miles to SR 320, turn left, and travel 11 miles to Caselton. Take US 93 south two miles to Pioche. Next take the SR 322 turnoff four miles east of Pioche and follow the paved road through the Echo Canyon State Park, past the lake and into Rose Valley. Turn right after crossing the bridge. This route leads you through Eagle Valley, home of the little community of Ursine, where Eagle Valley Resort has cold drinks and snacks. From Echo Canyon to the campground at Spring Valley is about 10 miles, 20 miles round trip. Continue back on SR 322 south for 18 miles to Pioche. Make sure to stop at the biker-friendly, local watering hole or catch a home-cooked burger. The return to Caliente is 25 miles on US 93.



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- Motorcyclists may not pass or ride next to another vehicle in the same travel lane.
- Motorcycles may not be driven between vehicles in adjacent lanes even if the vehicles are stopped. Police officers are an exception.

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