

Great Basin

Things to See and Do

For a One-day Visit

Stop first at a visitor center to learn about the Great Basin or Lehman Caves. • Take a ranger-led cave tour (see below). • Travel up the scenic drive to the Wheeler Peak parking area and follow trails to subalpine lakes or the ancient bristlecone pine grove.

If You Have More Time

Start early and climb Wheeler Peak. • Hike the Baker Creek trails. • Drive through aspen groves along unpaved Snake Creek Road. • Hike to Lexington Arch or explore the rugged back roads. • Drive up Strawberry Creek to see plant communities recovering after a wildland fire.

Driving in the Park

Wheeler Peak Scenic Road is the only paved road in the park. It can be closed by snow at any time of year, and the upper portion is closed to long vehicles and trailers. Ask a ranger about current road conditions.

Cave Tours

Available when the Lehman Caves Visitor Center is open. • Go to www.recreation.gov for tour details, fees, and to reserve your tour. (Reservations recommended.) • An adult must be with those under 16.

Camping

Four campgrounds open summer only. Lower Lehman Campground open year-round, but no water in winter. All have pit toilets, fire rings, tables, and tent pads. • Primitive sites along Snake Creek have tent sites, fire grates, and tables; some have pit toilets; none have water. • For details, go to the park website. You can reserve sites at www.recreation.gov.

Location and Services

To park entrance from:
Cedar City: 142 mi (229 km)
Delta: 106 mi (171 km)
Ely: 68 mi (109 km)
Las Vegas: 286 mi (460 km)
Reno: 385 mi (620 km)
Salt Lake City: 234 mi (377 km)

Visitor Centers

Lehman Caves Visitor Center is open year-round except Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1. • Great Basin Visitor Center is open in summer only. • Both have information, bookstores, and exhibits.

Services

A cafe and gift shop next to Lehman Caves Visitor Center are open in summer. • Baker has restaurants, hotels, gas, and basic food supplies.

Hiking

Check the park website or stop at a visitor center to find trails suiting your fitness level, time, and interest. • Be prepared for extreme weather, both hot and cold temperatures. • Bring your own water, at least one gallon (4 l) per person per day. • Seek advice from park rangers about hiking in the fragile subalpine and alpine ecosystems. • For longer hikes, plan ahead and check with park rangers about conditions. Many trails are primitive and can be hard to follow. See other cautions in the lower right of this page.

Other Activities

Fishing is allowed, but you must have a Nevada state fishing license and follow all state regulations. • Horses are allowed on some trails; inquire at a visitor center or see the park website. • Mountain biking is allowed on designated roads but not on any national park trails.

Regulations

Pets are prohibited in caves and buildings, on trails except Lexington Arch Trail, and over 100 feet (30 m) from roads. They must be on a leash six feet (2 m) long or less. • Campfires are allowed only in campgrounds and picnic areas in designated grills. • Vehicles and drivers must be licensed. • ATVs must be street-legal and licensed. • Off-roading prohibited. • Do not feed wildlife. • Hunting prohibited. • Federal law protects all natural and cultural features; do not disturb or damage.

Firearms

State and federal regulations are on the park website.

Accessibility

We strive to make facilities, services, and programs accessible to all. Call or check our website.

More Information

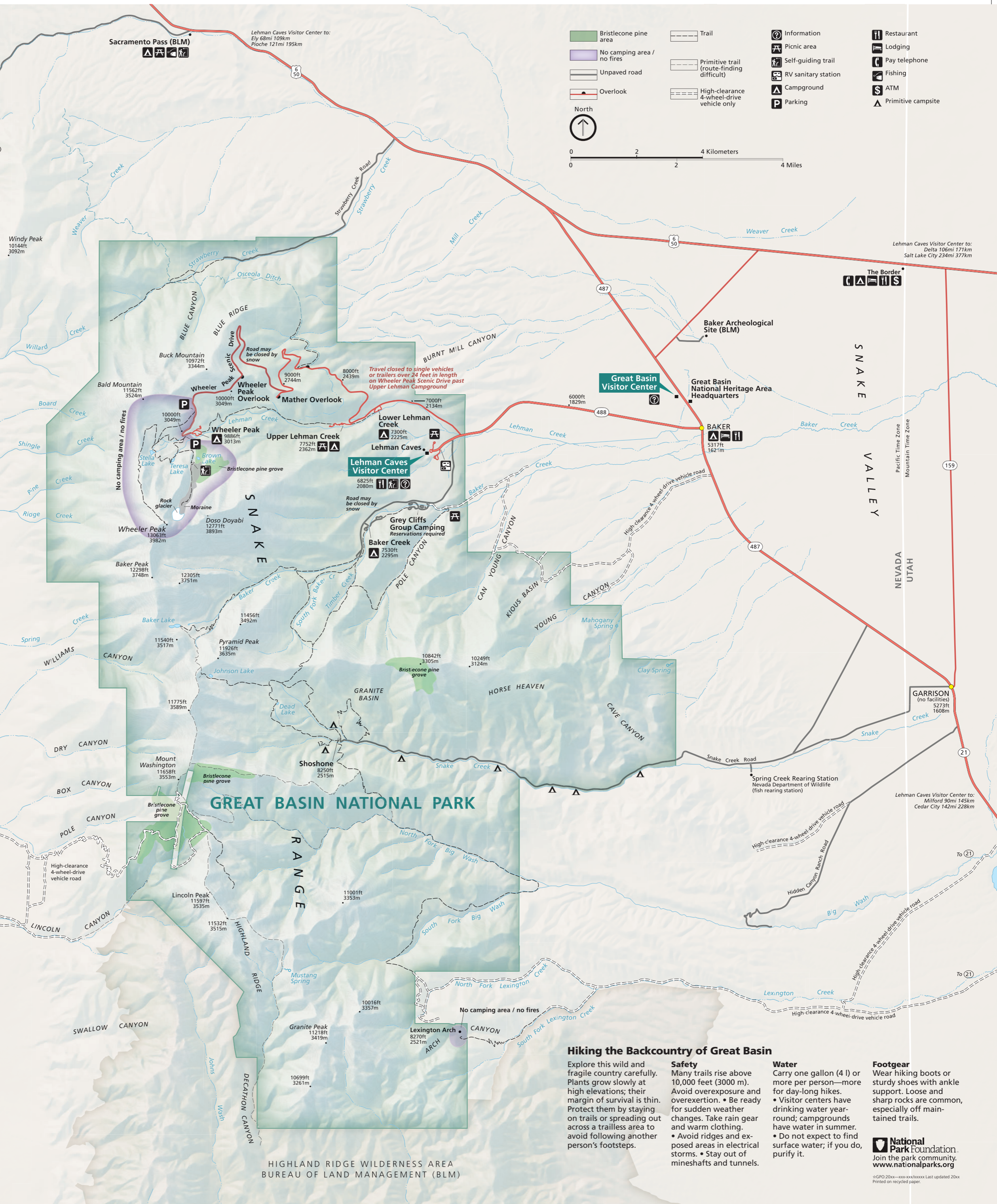
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Emergencies

Call 911 from a landline or contact a park ranger or campground host. **Do not rely on cell phone service.**

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Hiking the Backcountry of Great Basin

Explore this wild and fragile country carefully. Plants grow slowly at high elevations; their margin of survival is thin. Protect them by staying on trails or spreading out across a trailless area to avoid following another person's footsteps.

Safety

Many trails rise above 10,000 feet (3000 m). Avoid overexposure and overexertion. • Be ready for sudden weather changes. Take rain gear and warm clothing. • Avoid ridges and exposed areas in electrical storms. • Stay out of mineshafts and tunnels.

Water

Carry one gallon (4 l) or more per person—more for day-long hikes. • Visitor centers have drinking water year-round; campgrounds have water in summer. • Do not expect to find surface water; if you do, purify it.

Footgear

Wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes with ankle support. Loose and sharp rocks are common, especially off maintained trails.

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