



**BLACK ROCK DESERT
HIGH ROCK CANYON
EMIGRANT TRAILS**



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TRAVEL SAFETY

- Avoid using vehicles in closed-off areas
- Observe the speed limits on roads and in the camping areas
- Cities such as Sulphur, Leadville and Hardin City are ghost towns and no emergency help can be found at these areas
- Look for posted hazard signs in all areas
- Know that first-aid is limited in these areas and the closest hospital is in Reno
- Beware of mirages
- Beware of trains and train crossings
- Stop at all train crossings-look, listen and live
- Don't assume it is safe to cross if the train is still a ways down the track. It may be closer than it seems.
- Avoid high speeds on gravel roads
- Use buddy systems when traveling in areas not normally maintained
- Be sure to notify friends and neighbors where you are going and when you will return
- Make sure spare food, clothing, first-aid kit, water, gasoline and un-ditching devices are with you on any long trek

CAMPING SAFETY

- Camp only in designated areas
- Lock up firearms
- Don't drink from water sources on private land
- Bring chapstick and sunscreen on all trips

WEATHER SAFETY

- Be conscious of weather conditions in the area
- Be careful of dust storms
- Beware of rainy seasons in some areas the sand turns to thick mud
- During thunderstorms stay inside your vehicles



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HOT SPRINGS

- Watch out for hot springs on private land
- The hot springs have temperatures too extreme for human safety
- Don't drink hot spring water
- Keep children and pets away from hot springs
- Don't assume the hot spring temperature is safe just by how it looks
- Be careful of hot spring banks, they can be slippery and steep
- Also beware of chiggers which can be found in areas around hot springs



MINE SHAFTS

- Beware of un-marked mine shafts
- Abandoned mine structures can be very weak from years of neglect
- Open shafts can lead to death
- Deadly gasses and lack of oxygen often occur in mines
- Getting lost in mines can be easy, as many of them are like mazes
- Explosives and toxic chemicals can also be found in abandoned mines
- Don't go into abandoned mines



OTHER

- Beware of live ammunition; the military used the desert as a gunnery range at times
- If some is found, stay away and contact the Bureau of Land Management immediately



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