

Engage Archaeology in Lincoln County Online



Go on a Journey!

Join Rosa the Roadrunner on a tour of an archaeology site in Lincoln County, Nevada and discover painted rock writings, Native American artifacts like arrowheads, and new things about the environment.



Select Virtual Tour

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/9a694e6c08064a37bc5b85129a9ddc24>

Visit Sites Virtually!

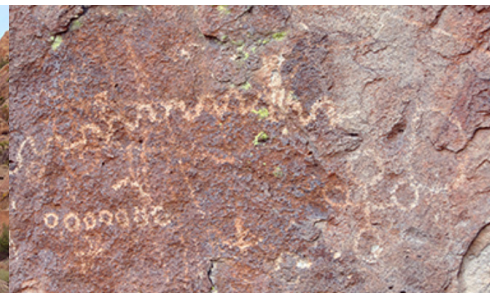
Take your time to explore these amazing sites by clicking on a map and points to get 360 degree views.



Crescent City



Red Pigment Canyon



Petroglyph Rocks

Crescent City is an old mining site with a remaining smokestack and cabin.

<https://lcai10.legiongis.com/report/23fd43a5-acdc-41bd-0001-7b7728417493>



Red Pigment Canyon is an area with hundreds of pecked and painted images on the rocks.

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Petroglyph Rocks (Paiute Rocks) is named after petroglyphs which are images pecked in the rocks.

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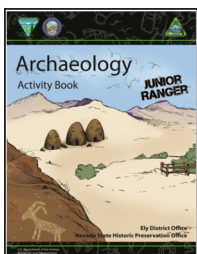
Northern Site is within White River Narrows with layers of petroglyphs.

<https://www.kuula.co/share/collection/7JKct?logo=0&info=0&fs=1&vr=1&sd=1&thumbs=1>



Become a Junior Ranger!

Book available online or in print at the BLM office in Caliente.



<https://www.blm.gov/documents/nevada-ely-do/public-room/educational-material/archaeology-junior-ranger-book>



Read a comic book!

Find out what they do with the arrowhead they found.



https://shpo.nv.gov/uploads/documents/Coloring_Book.pdf



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Learn Lincoln County Archaeology Online



Watch a Show!

A Point in Time presents how archaeological research is conducted. The film shows archaeologists working in Lincoln County, Nevada and some of the collaboration involved in research projects.

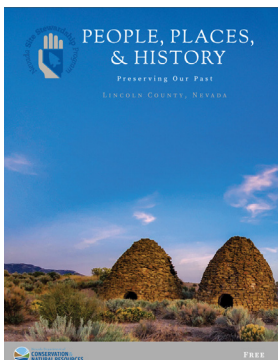


<https://youtu.be/O9o8oPNF-8o>

From the film makers:

“Our Lincoln County story is not one of awe-inspiring burial tombs, hidden treasures, or lost cities, but of real and compelling archaeology. It is the story of the careful attention that is paid to small, seemingly insignificant rock fragments and minute bits of the prehistoric past. Day by day, and year by year, information is collected, analyzed, and evaluated, until slowly the big picture comes into focus. To create a compelling documentary we have developed a locally based storyline that has regional significance.”

Browse a Book/Magazine!



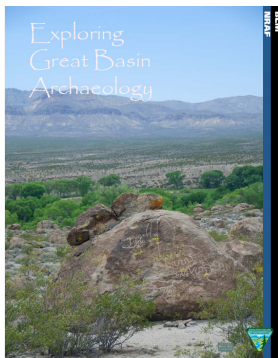
People, Places, and History of Lincoln County

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/17e7f065-8759-403f-96b3-8d35be856975>



This magazine contains stories common to the county's past and connects them to national and international events. The articles provide glimpses into past lives and real local people become connected to places and the objects they left behind.

This also includes the history of the area's State Parks.

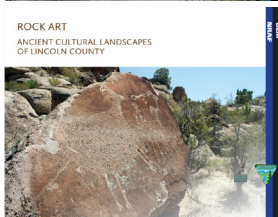


Exploring Great Basin Archaeology

https://nvrockart.art/aan_pages/txt/Exploring_Great_Basin_Archaeology.pdf



This booklet is an overview of the history of Native American cultures in the Great Basin which includes Lincoln County. The story of how Great Basin people made a living is told from cultural anthropological and archaeological perspectives.



Rock Art: Ancient Cultural Landscapes of Lincoln County

https://nvrockart.art/aan_pages/txt/LN_cultural_landscapes_large.pdf



This book covers the history of rock art and dives into the known rock art sites and styles in Lincoln County.

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Get Prepared for an Archaeological Trip

Review Brochures & Maps!

Lincoln County Rock Writing Sites

Rock Art vs Rock Writing

Today we refer to petroglyphs (images pecked in rocks) and pictographs (images painted on rocks) as rock writing to honor the fact that these images are a unique form of communication.

There are brochures for five rock writing areas on public lands. They have driving directions and information about the sites. Note: Some sites require 4-wheel drive or high clearance vehicles to access parking areas. Others require walking on uneven terrain and trails are not marked. Please choose what is best for you.

Ash Springs



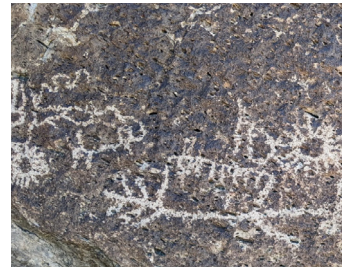
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Crystal Wash



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Shooting Gallery



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White River Narrows



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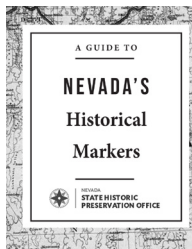


Mt. Irish

Rock Writing Brochure: https://nvrockart.art/aan_pages/txt/MI%20Brochure.pdf



Trail and Campground Brochure: https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2025-04/BLM_NV_EYDO_BARNM_Mt-Irish-Trail-and-Campground_Georeferenced-Brochure_Apr2025.pdf



Find Historical Markers!

https://shpo.nv.gov/uploads/documents/Historic_Marker_Booklet_Online_Version_with_Links.pdf

This guide provides their locations and subjects.



Check out the BLM's Places to Visit!

This site has a coordinate for the site and driving directions. Roads may require 4-wheel drive.



Panaca Charcoal Kilns

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/panaca-charcoal-kilns>



These beehive kilns, east of Panaca, provided charcoal for area mining operations.

Be careful visiting!

Download a Georeferenced Map!

Georeferenced maps can be printed or they can be uploaded into navigation apps like Avenza.

Mt Irish Trail Map

<https://www.blm.gov/nevada-ely-do-caliente-fo/public-room/map/mt-irish-campground-and-trail-georeferenced-pdf-map>



Basin and Range National Monument Map

<https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2024-05/BARNM%20visitor%20map%2004182024%20508-compliant.pdf>



The monument map contains a point for Logan City - an old mining camp at Mt. Irish.

Other Archaeological Resources

Watch a Preservation Video or Recorded Talk!

These educational YouTube videos cover preservation issues and archaeological sites in Lincoln County.

Graffiti Removal Video

https://youtu.be/W4T9erTPt_M

This short video shows what happens when someone spray paints on top of pictographs (rock writings).



Explore, Report, and Protect Cultural Resources

<https://youtu.be/A1zIUrnjciI>

Learn from southern Nevada archaeologists and locals why it is important to enjoy cultural sites with respect. Also learn how you can be involved as a volunteer Site Steward.



Interpreting Cultural History Playlist

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKtCacvdFsiCosv5oCU9fLMNMXRMZib2a>

Learn from the Desert Research Institute what the landscape can tell us about past environments and where archaeological sites may be preserved.



A Brief History of Lincoln County, Nevada

<https://youtu.be/TowJqu9lyfk?si=aWq6zyS56OX4dVgg>

Presented by Harry Konwin, Former Archaeologist for the Bureau of Land Management Caliente Field Office



Surviving Railroad Depots of Nevada

<https://youtu.be/IrWrwsIDgcs?si=BTw4WdHp5kOHTSI6>

Presented by Jean-Guy Tanner Dubé, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office
Discusses the Caliente Depot



Places with Rock Imagery in the White River Narrows

<https://youtu.be/QpbVK5e8xZI?si=nFA5lQas6tomfn-v>

Presented by Jannie Loubser, PhD, RPA Archaeologist/Rock Art Specialist at Stratum Unlimited LLC
Discusses the importance of recording and sequencing the different images.



The Conservation and Management of Rock Art: An Integrated Approach

<https://youtu.be/N4b2EVcaZeM?si=5PqWHfaQssQqBvop>

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