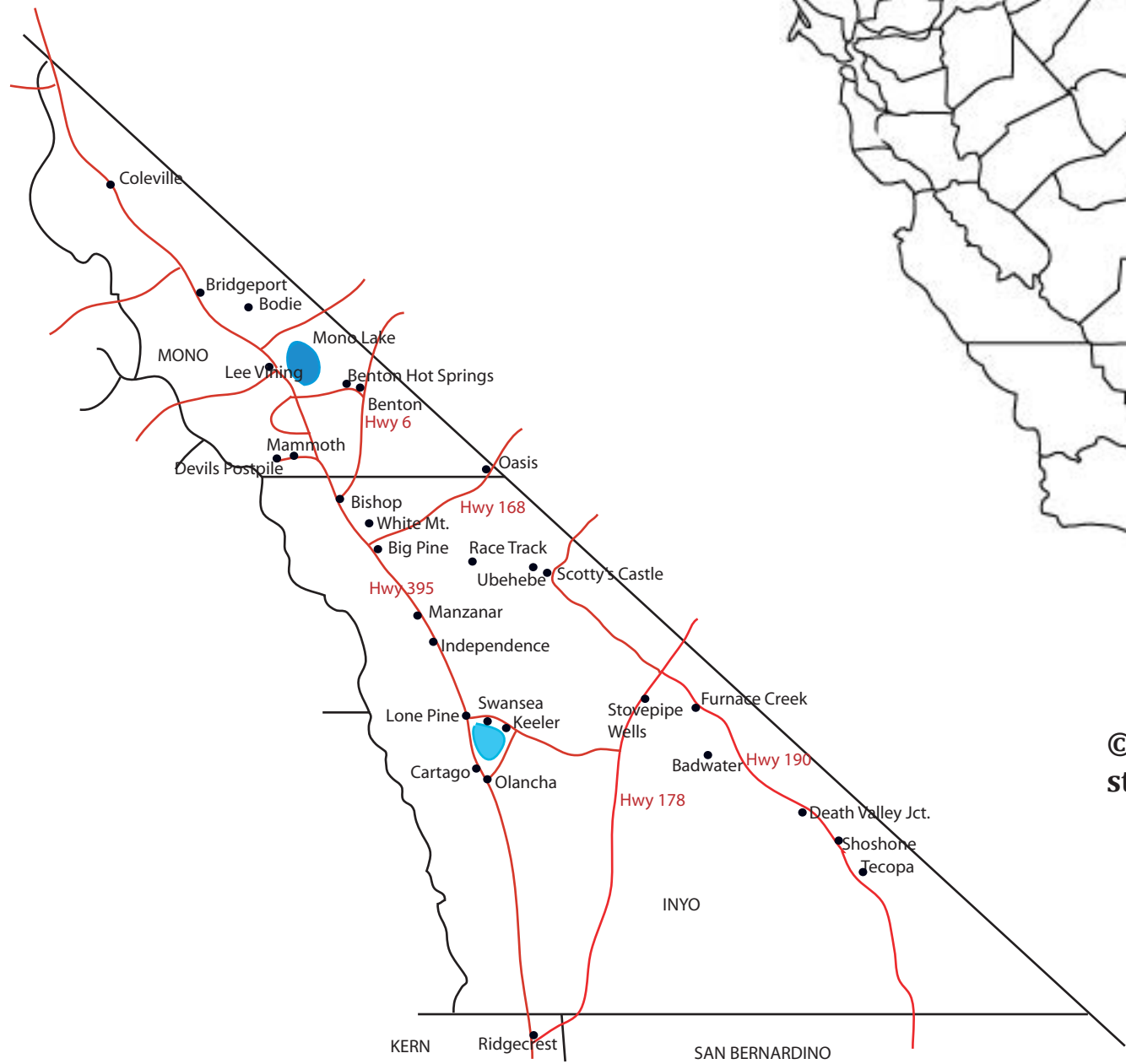


Inyo County

**The Inyo County Courthouse in Independence.
Part 4 of 4: Mt. Whitney, Alabama Hills, Owens River, Owens
Lake, Crowley Vista, Keeler, Olancho, Cartago, Pearsonville.**



Inyo County



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Lone Pine Mountain

(December 2008)



Moffat Creek

Moffat Creek. The Sierras are in the background.
(December 2008)



Mt. Whitney

(December 2008)



Mt. Whitney

(December 2008)



Mt. Whitney

The top of Mt. Whitney, the tallest mountain in the lower 48.
It is over 14,000 feet tall. (December 2008)



Mt. Whitney

Mt. Whitney. (December 2008)



Alabama Hills

The Alabama Hills have been used as a location for 150 films and a dozen TV shows.
(December 2008)



Alabama Hills

(December 2008)



Alabama Hills

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Alabama Hills

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Moffatt Creek

(December 2008)



Owens River

(December 2008)



Father Crowley Monument

Father Crowley promoted tourism to the Eastern Sierra.
(December 2008)



Panamint Valley

Highway 190 to Death Valley. (December 2008)



Rainbow Canyon

(December 2008)



Rainbow Canyon

The colors are from the layers and types of volcanic ash laid down over thousands of years. (December 2008)



Rainbow Canyon

(December 2008)



Highway 190 into Panamint Valley

(December 2008)



Highway 190 into Panamint Valley

(December 2008)



(December 2008)



Owens Lake

Owens Lake was a large lake at the end of Owens Valley. The lake once was 30 miles long and 20 miles wide. Now it is dry. (December 2008)



Owens Lake

A dry lake allows fine dust particles, including arsenic, to be swept up and blown to inhabited towns. LA Water and Power is required to dampen the lake to keep down the dust. (December 2008)



Owens Lake

(December 2008)



Owens Lake

I took this picture just when a dust storm was beginning. By the time I reached Keeler which is LA Water's headquarters guys were rushing for their trucks. They had to put more water on the lake. According to a ranger we talked to, LA Water does not do a good job.
(December 2008)



Owens River

There is not much water left in the Owens River by the time it reaches the lake. It is on its way to LA. (February 2006)



Owens River



Cerro Gordo Mountains

Mining took place in the mountains overlooking Owens Lake from 1866 to 1957. (February 2006)



Cerro Gordo Mountains

(February 2006)



Keeler

Keeler was laid out in 1880 to provide a smelter for ore mined in the Cerro Gordo. The ore was put on steam boats and moved across Owens Lake to Cartago where it was carried by wagons to Los Angeles. (February 2006)



Keeler

(February 2006)



Keeler

A rail line arrived in 1883. The tracks were torn up in 1960. (February 2006)



Keeler

(February 2006)



Keeler

(February 2006)



Keeler

(February 2006)



Keeler

Keeler still has a post office which opened in 1883. The population of the town is 66. (February 2006)



Keeler

(February 2006)



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Keeler

(February 2006)



Olancha

Olancha is located on the shore of Owens Lake. Silver was discovered here in 1860. The post office was established in 1870. It is located on Highway 395. (February 2006)



Olancha

(February 2006)



Olancho

Crystal Geyser water company has a large bottling plant here.
(February 2006)



Olancha

(February 2006)



Cartago

(February 2006)



Cartago

Cartago was the port on the other side of Owens Lake which received the silver and lead ore from Keeler. (February 2006)



Cartago

(February 2006)



Cartago

(February 2006)



Cartago

(February 2006)



Cartago

Cartago dates back to the 1880's. It didn't get a post office until 1918. It still has a population of 92. (February 2006)





Pearsonville

The town is located on Highway 395. Its population is 17. However, It is said that Lucy Pearson has a collection of 80,000 hubcaps. (February 2006)



Pearsonville

(February 2006)



Pearsonville

(February 2006)



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