

## EXPLORING NATIONAL PARKS

# GREAT BASIN

38.9300°N  
114.2634°W

**It can be difficult to stand out in a state so rich in amazing outdoor wonders, but Great Basin National Park does just that.**

Somewhere in the middle of nowhere lies Great Basin National Park - it boasts a feature that is hard to come by anymore: no crowds. Great Basin is one of the least visited parks, making your time here crowd free and Covid friendly.

Just inside the Utah-Nevada border and around a 4 hour drive from Salt Lake City and we reached our 22nd National Park. We stayed the night at Stargazer Inn in Baker, Nevada which has a population of around 58 according to world population review.

There were perfect accommodations in this quirky little town. There are no open restaurants (at least not in the middle of winter) but the inn does have a mini market open a few hours a day. Just on the Utah border is a gas station where you can grab a few snacks. There are no other gas or dining options within 90 miles.

Sunset was at 4:30p.m. and we were awake by 5:00a.m. After crossing the border, we were now in Pacific Mountain Time! There were no other cars in sight to catch the 6:40a.m. sunrise in the Great Basin National Park. It was a whopping 7 degrees!

It wasn't until we returned to Salt Lake City that I realized how isolated we truly were! There was zero cell service and very limited WiFi at the Inn. We only passed a handful of cars which were locals. No stores. No restaurants. No stop lights. No traffic.



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## OUR FAVORITE THINGS TO SEE AND DO

### Stargazing

Astronomers say Great Basin features the last true dark night skies in the United States.

### Lehman Caves

Beautiful limestone caves decorated with stalactites, stalagmites and more.

### Wheeler Park Summit Trail

An 8.2 mile out and back trail located near Baker that features a lake and is rated as difficult.

### Bristlecone Pine Glacier Trail

A 4.5 mile out and back trail located near Baker that features beautiful flowers and is rated as moderate.

### Alpine Lakes Trail

A 2.7 mile loop trail located near Baker that features a lake and is good for all skill levels.

## WHERE WE STAYED

### Stargazer Inn

115 S Baker Ave.  
Baker, NV 89311

## HOW MANY DAYS WILL YOU NEED

I recommend a minimum of 2 days in order to explore the Great Basin National Park.

*Lauren*  
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