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CONVICT LAKE

Where the "big ones" lurk in the shadows of the pines

Markets and Transportation The principal markets for the products of the valley are Los Angeles and Southern California on the south and the mining camps of Eastern California and Nevada. These markets are reached by a line of the Southern Pacific railway, which extends the entire length of the valley, connecting with the main lines of the system at Mojave, Cal., and Hazen, Nev.

Highways Situated on El Camino Sierra, a part of the East-of-the-Sierras trunk line of the State highway system, Inyo county and Owens River Valley are visited annually by thousands of motor tourists and recreation seekers. The East-of-the-Sierras trunk line extends from Los Angeles on the south to Lake Tahoe on the north and traverses the entire length of Inyo county and Owens River Valley.

At Mono Lake the trunk line connects with the famous Tioga road, which crosses the Sierras at an altitude of 9795 feet and leads into Yosemite National Park.

Transcontinental motor tourists traveling westward of the Midland Trail catch their first glimpse of California in the Owens River Valley. The "Midland," shortest and most practical of all transcontinental highways, connects with El Camino, giving motorists the option of turning south to Los Angeles and Southern California, or north to the Yosemite or Lake Tahoe.

Scenery Along this highway through Inyo and Mono counties the scenery is of surpassing grandeur. Here the range of the Sierra Nevada reaches its greatest height and here it shows its greatest strength and its softest lines. Rising abruptly from the floor of Owens River Valley, peak after peak breaks the sky-line—each peak distinctive and impressive but all blended by soft shadows and exquisite coloring into a picture of soul-stirring beauty.

Mt. Whitney, the highest of these peaks, looks down on the southern end of the valley from an altitude of 14,501 feet—the highest point in the United States. Stand-



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RAINBOW FALLS

One of the many beauty spots of the High Sierras