

# Big Pine

Big Pine was first settled in the mid 1860s. The abundant waters of Baker Creek soon irrigated thousands of acres of pastureland and crops. Sheep grazed in the lush fields and were moved from the valley floor to the mountain meadows every summer.

Big Pine is now the gateway to the Palisades region of the Sierra Nevada, a cluster of 14,000' peaks that contains the largest glacial system in the Sierra Nevada. The rustic Glacier Lodge was located at the end of the road west of town and accommodated the likes of John Wayne and Rita Hayworth during its 80 years of hospitality. The main lodge burned in 1997 but there are still a few cabins, a small store and cafe to give visitors a chance to enjoy the blissful scenery.

Forty-five minutes east of town and located high in the White Mountains grow the Bristlecone Pines, the world's oldest living trees. Their twisted and tortured trunks make for a photographer's delight.

And if adventure is in your blood, the Death Valley - Big Pine Road winds its way through some of the most breathtaking desert scenery to be found anywhere.

