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ROAD TRIP NEVADA · STATE ROUTE 375

The Extraterrestrial Highway buzz

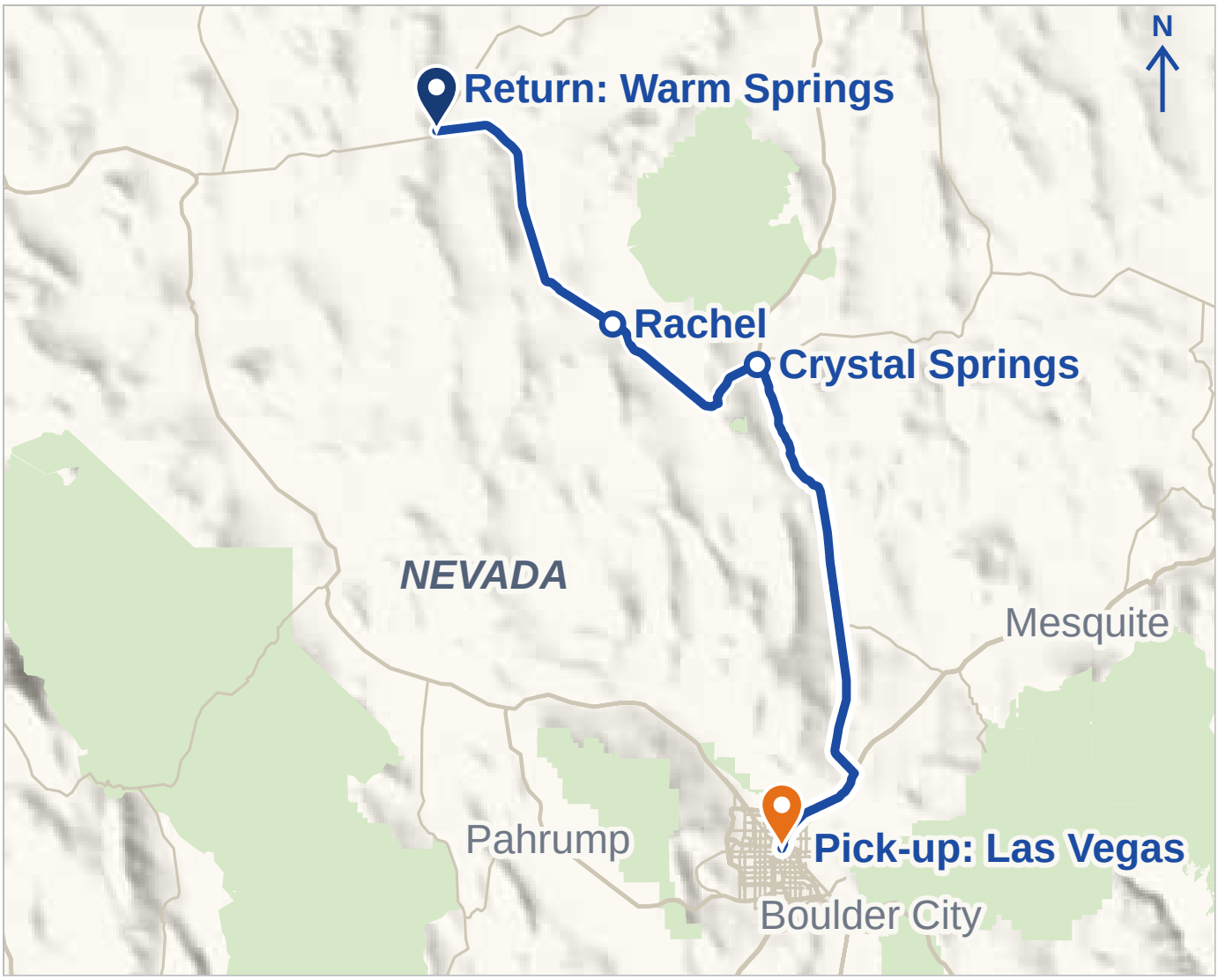
Dana Scully of X-Files fame once said, "*What if there was only one choice and all the other ones were wrong? And there were signs along the way to pay attention to.*" Well, we recommend you don't ignore the signs when road-tripping in a motorhome rental through Nevada, especially the almost 160 km (100-mile) quirky adventures in store the desert State Route 375 aka The Extraterrestrial Highway. Here's a sneak peek of what you can look forward to.

DISTANCE	DRIVES	ROUTE	DRIVING TIME
About 330 km (205 mi)	3 drives, at your own pace	One way, Las Vegas to Warm Springs	About 4 h by car

LONGEST DRIVE	VEHICLE
175 km (110 mi), Las Vegas to Crystal Springs	Car or motorhome



Extraterrestrial Highway, Nevada · Illustrative image



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Expect the unexpected

Look for the signs: Expect the unexpected and a lot of quirkiness on the Extraterrestrial Highway. Credit: TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

Flanked on both sides by miles of vast dry desert and looming mountains, the Extraterrestrial Highway is truly a long and winding road that has the potential to lead you to something that is out of this world.

So if you have ever wondered whether there is really another mysterious life form from Mars out there or if you have an eye for spotting UFOs, it might be time to cross the Extraterrestrial Highway off your road trip list.

Roadtripper's dream

ET highway: Every roadtripper's dream! Don't forget to look up, just in case. Credit: TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

Also referred to as the Nevada State Route 375, it was officially named the Extraterrestrial Highway in 1996 after the movie Independence Day, this lonely and quiet patch of highway really is every road tripper's dream.

The Extraterrestrial Highway stretches 158 km (98 miles) from State Route 318 at Crystal Springs and takes you northwest to U.S. Route 6 at Warm Springs.

Or you can start your journey in the south and hire a RV in Las Vegas and head up to the intersection of U.S. 93 and the Extraterrestrial Highway depending on which way you're coming from.

Picking up in Las Vegas

If you're flying in from overseas, stay the night in Las Vegas and collect your vehicle the next day (collecting on the day you fly in). For an RV, allow at least an hour at the branch for the paperwork and the walk-around (how long pick-up takes), and check the vehicle for damage before you drive away (what to check at pick-up). Branch addresses: RV rental branches in Las Vegas.

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175 km (110 mi) from Las Vegas

about 2 h by car · about 2 h 30 min by motorhome

Via **Great Basin Highway**

Las Vegas to Crystal Springs and the start of the ET Highway

If you kick-start your journey from the intersection of U.S. 93 and the Extraterrestrial Highway, the E-T-Fresh Jerky shop and Alien Research Centre will be the gateway to the highway.

As well as the famous ET Highway Sign, the highway offers road trippers the chance to check out the alien apparel and get some souvenirs for your family and friends at the Alien Research Centre in Hiko and if you're feeling peckish, you can also stop by the E-T- Fresh Jerky shop in Crystal Springs.

Check first:
The Alien Research Centre keeps irregular hours and is often closed, so check it's open before you go.

Fuel

Just don't forget to fill up at the Shell Gas Station near Hiko before setting out on the highway as you won't see another gas station for miles.

DRIVE

63 km (39 mi) from Crystal Springs

about 40 min by car · about 50 min by motorhome

Via **Extraterrestrial Highway**

Crystal Springs to Rachel

Area 51... the truth is out there

Instagrammable everywhere: Remember to stop for all the sights, including the famous sign. Credit: TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

The well-known green ET Highway Sign is the first thing you see before you embark on your road trip on the open road and head into the mysterious desert terrain towards the Nevada Test and Training Range, which includes the top-secret and highly classified United States Air Force facility Area 51.

But forget about jumping out of your vehicle as you pass the Nevada military base and craning your neck to see if you can catch a glimpse of aliens, or even a UFO.

The range is not considered a tourist attraction and the 'do not trespass' signs make it clear that the base is heavily guarded and that you will be prosecuted if caught trespassing. Which means you'll have to look to the heavens for a sign of a silver spaceship.

Check out Beam me up! Check out Travel Nevada's awesome ET Highway Itinerary (https://travelnevada.com/road-trip/extraterrestrial-highway/).

Say hello to Rachel

Unidentified Frothy Objects: Stop in at the Little A'Le'Inn for some cool refreshments. Credit: TravelNevada (https://www.travelnevada.com/)

The highway offers plenty of sights and sounds for the modern day road tripper, and when you hit Rachel, population of about 50 of the most knowledgeable of people who know everything about the highway, you should stop for a break and a slice of pie and conversation at Little A'Le'Inn (get it?), an Area 51 themed Inn, which despite having an Alamo address is 80 km (50 miles) north of the town of Alamo, roughly half way along the ET Highway.

It is these type of quirky stops that make road trips amazing and a chance to court a close encounter of the Third Kind, of course, in the middle of the desert on the famous Extraterrestrial Highway.

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95 km (59 mi) from Rachel

about 1 h by car · about 1 h 20 min by motorhome

Via **Extraterrestrial Highway**

Rachel to Warm Springs

The Extraterrestrial Highway ends at U.S. Route 6 at Warm Springs.

Keep watching the skies.

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