

TREKKING BLACK ROCK

GREAT STONE MOTHER
PYRAMID ROCK



THE GREAT STONE MOTHER



The story of the Great Stone Mother is that of a woman whose children fought constantly. The father banned them to the far reaches of the lands never to return.

Those who were very bad he sent to the west becoming the Pitt-Rivers. The other children who were peaceful, he kept at home. He told them that they were to take good care of their mother whom he was leaving with them. They became the "Paiutes" who grew into a strong Tribe, but woman still grieved for her other children. Woman was so sad that she began to cry bitterly. She missed her other children very much. She cried more and more each day.

One day she decided to sit near a mountain, Pyramid Rock, where she could look toward Pitt River country. She sat there day after day crying. Her tears fell so fast that they formed a great lake beneath her. This became "Pyramid Lake". She sat so long that she turned to stone. There she remained to this day, sitting on the Eastern shore of Pyramid Lake, with her basket by her side.

51 MILES to GERLACH

The Great Stone Mother and Pyramid Rock are both on Paiute Lands and require obtaining a permit to travel on. Even still the area is closed to non-Tribal members until further notice.

If you venture out once you leave Rt447 just follow the dirt road all the way to the site. There really are no turn-offs but plenty of places to pull over for photos.

A regular car can make the trip but take an SUV just in case.

STARTING POINT

1.0 miles
39° 58' 50.64" N
119° 29' 36.80" W




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8 MILES to NIXON

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The road to the Great Stone Mother is dirt and rocks yet a family car can make the trip but use common sense.



A satellite map of a desert landscape, likely in the southwestern United States. A yellow line is drawn across the map, starting from the top left and curving towards the bottom right. The terrain is arid, with various shades of brown, tan, and grey. There are some darker, more textured areas that might be rock formations or vegetation. The overall appearance is that of a remote, possibly ancient, site.


The road is singular, that is there are no turn-offs other than some walking trails to a place that may have been a town. It is somewhat hard to see at ground level.



An aerial photograph of a desert landscape. A yellow line is drawn across the image, starting from the top left and curving towards the bottom right. The terrain is arid and rocky, with various shades of brown, tan, and grey. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular logo for the Black Rock Explorers Society, featuring a green lizard and the text "BLACK ROCK EXPLORERS SOCIETY". Below the logo is the website "www.brxs.org". In the bottom right corner, the text "PAGE 4" is visible.

Nearly all of the Trek has photo opts from Tufa formation on the right to the breaches of beautiful Pyramid Lake on the left.



A satellite map of a desert landscape, likely in the southwestern United States. A yellow line is drawn across the map, possibly indicating a boundary or a trail. The terrain is arid and rocky, with some sparse vegetation. The map is oriented with North at the top.

Just keep in mind all of this area is currently off-limits to non Paiute Tribal Members and a Paiute Permit is not permission to be here.





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1 • 8 miles
39° 55' 43.40" N
119° 22' 58.84" W

Once at the site hours can be spend enjoying the Great Stone Mother, Pyramid Rock, the Fortress, the Beach (check the "sea" shells) and climbing the many Tufa formations that make up the area.

Beware of the spiders!

