

# Lamoille Canyon Bus Tour



*"Through the lens of history, preserving the past, focusing on the future."*

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The Ruby Mountains are Elko's playground. The 12-mile, paved road through Lamoille Canyon is a favorite way to visit these gorgeous mountains. The Rubies are the most heavily glaciated mountain range in the Great Basin.

This tour will provide the participant a chance to experience, learn about, and photograph these stark and magnificent mountains. Topics will include animals, plants, hiking trails, Range2 fire and recovery, and glaciation.



Larry Hyslop- Tour guide  
Cindy Hyslop- Host

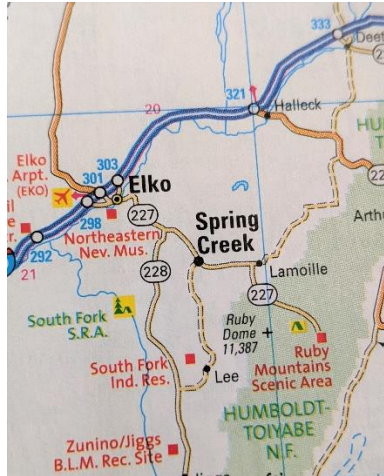


Gerry Miller- Tour Guide

Larry Hyslop has written the books Trail Guide to Trails in the Elko Area and Visitors Guide to the Ruby Mountains. He writes a weekly nature column in the Elko Daily Free Press. He and Cindy are co-chairs of a local group Friends of the Ruby Mountains.

Gerry Miller has been a life-long conservationist. He works with Nevada Conservation Districts and was once a Forest Ranger in the Rubies. He is knowledgeable in the canyon vegetation and its ecology.

# Tour



The tour will be about 50-miles round trip and go from 9 am to 3 pm. The bus will leave Elko to the south over Lamoille Summit, where participants will get their first view of the Rubies. Hwy 227 travels through a large housing development called Spring Creek. The tallest peak in the Rubies, at 11,318 feet elevation, is visible at this point.

Just before entering the small town of Lamoille, the tour will turn toward Lamoille Canyon and travel the 12-mile scenic route to End of the Road.



**Stop 1: Glacial Overlook.** Elevation- 7,200 feet. The overlook offers splendid views of glacial features and good photographic opportunity of the rugged canyon walls. Below will be Camp Lamoille, operated by the Elko Lions Club. This is a good spot for a discussion of the Range2 fire in 2018.

**Stop 2: Thomas Canyon Campground.** Elevation- 8,180 feet. For those who want to take the walk, Gerry Miller will lead participants around the campground loops and talk about the plants of Lamoille Canyon,

along with the ecology of the canyon vegetation. Lamoille Canyon Road is closed at this spot because of debris flows suffered during July thunderstorms. (Restrooms)

**Stop 3: Powerhouse Picnic Area.** Lunch will be taken here at a covered group picnic site. Gerry and Larry will lead a Q&A on the Ruby Mountains. A discussion of the glaciation of the Rubies will begin during lunch. (Restrooms)

**Stop 4: Glacial Overlook.** Further discussion on the glacial features visible from this stop (depending on time).

**Stop 5: Outside the canyon.** Elevation 6,200 feet. (Not really a full stop, we will pause in the road). We will finish the discussion of glacial features.

Return to Elko.



