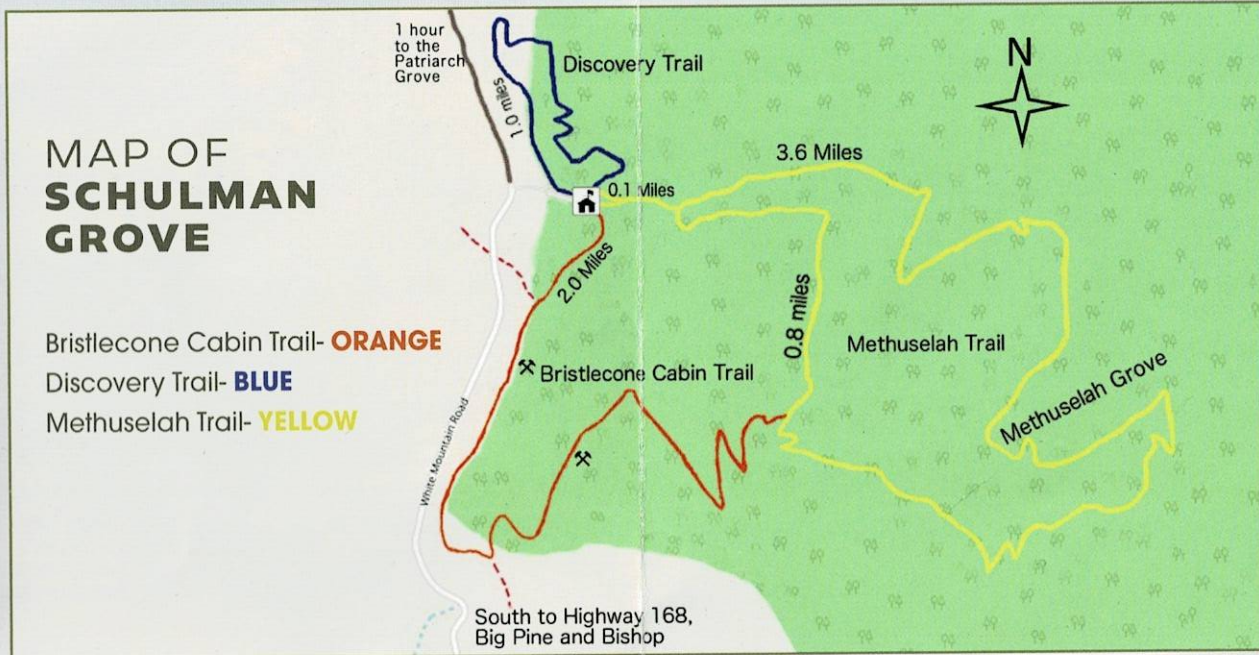


PATRIARCH GROVE

The Patriarch Grove is a second large grove of bristlecone pine trees twelve miles (1 hour) further up White Mountain Road from the Schulman Grove. The road to Patriarch Grove is a bumpy rocky road, but can generally be done in most vehicles. The Patriarch Grove hosts the largest bristlecones in the White Mountains. Patriarch Tree is the largest and is 38 feet in circumference. There are two hiking trails, the Timberline Ancients Nature Trail and the Cottonwood Basin Overlook Trail. Each trail is half a mile long and starts from the parking area at the grove. Visitors will also find a picnic table and vault toilet. Allow at least one hour to enjoy the Patriarch Grove.



SCHULMAN GROVE

The Schulman Grove has three hiking trails that visit different sections of the bristlecone forest:

The Discovery Trail, the shortest of the hikes, is a 1 mile loop trail with 300 feet of elevation change. There are several 3,000-4,000 year-old bristlecones along the trail, as well as interpretive signs that share why these trees thrive in this ecosystem.

The Bristlecone Cabin Trail is a 3 mile loop trail that connects to the Methuselah Trail and shares the return trail to the Visitor Center. Along the trail are historic cabins and mine sites, the first of which is only half a mile from the start of the trail. Please do not enter any of the cabins, as they are unstable and therefore unsafe.

The Methuselah Trail is a 4.5 mile trail with 800 feet of elevation change starting at the Visitor Center. The trail journeys past picturesque trees, broad vistas of the Basin and Range province (including views into Death Valley National Park), a mountain mahogany woodland and the Methuselah Grove, the oldest grove in the Ancient Bristlecone Forest. Rest benches are found along the trail. Bring plenty of water, snacks and sun protection. A printed interpretive guide is available at the Visitor Center or at the trailhead.

If you are in for a real challenge, try starting on the Bristlecone Cabin Trail and then taking the Methuselah Trail for a 5.7 mile hike loop combining both trails into one long hike.

In order to protect the ancients, please observe the following regulations:

1. All vehicles must remain on designated roads
2. Collection of any wood within the bristlecone forest is prohibited
3. Campfires and overnight camping within the bristlecone forest are prohibited
4. Please stay on the trails within the developed areas of Schulman and Patriarch Groves
5. Dogs are allowed, but must be kept on leash at all times
6. The open hours of the Schulman and Patriarch groves are 6 am to 10 pm