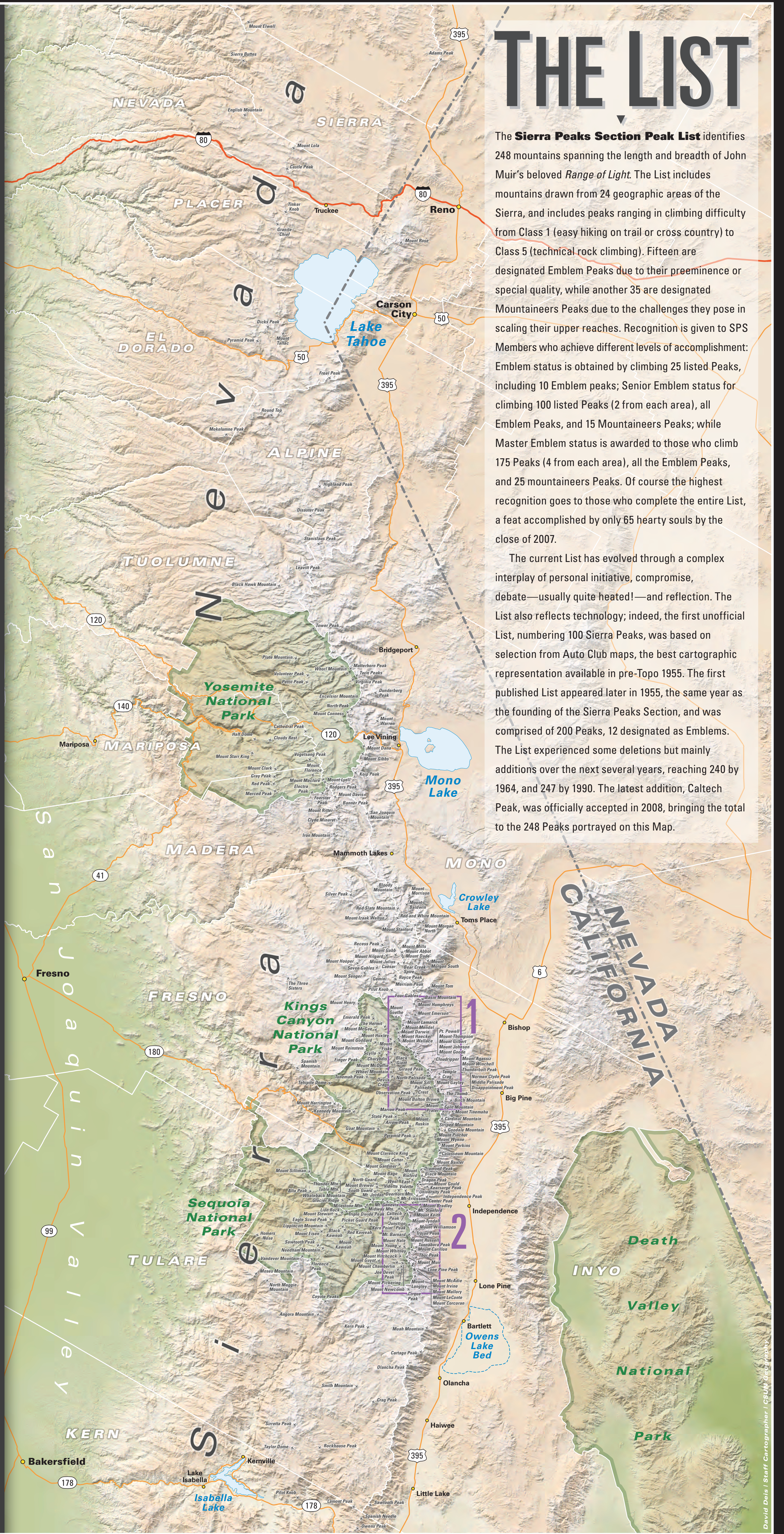


SIERRA PEAKS SECTION



THE LIST

The **Sierra Peaks Section Peak List** identifies 248 mountains spanning the length and breadth of John Muir's beloved *Range of Light*. The List includes mountains drawn from 24 geographic areas of the Sierra, and includes peaks ranging in climbing difficulty from Class 1 (easy hiking on trail or cross country) to Class 5 (technical rock climbing). Fifteen are designated Emblem Peaks due to their preeminence or special quality, while another 35 are designated Mountaineers Peaks due to the challenges they pose in scaling their upper reaches. Recognition is given to SPS Members who achieve different levels of accomplishment: Emblem status is obtained by climbing 25 listed Peaks, including 10 Emblem peaks; Senior Emblem status for climbing 100 listed Peaks (2 from each area), all Emblem Peaks, and 15 Mountaineers Peaks; while Master Emblem status is awarded to those who climb 175 Peaks (4 from each area), all the Emblem Peaks, and 25 mountaineers Peaks. Of course the highest recognition goes to those who complete the entire List, a feat accomplished by only 65 hearty souls by the close of 2007.

The current List has evolved through a complex interplay of personal initiative, compromise, debate—usually quite heated!—and reflection. The List also reflects technology; indeed, the first unofficial List, numbering 100 Sierra Peaks, was based on selection from Auto Club maps, the best cartographic representation available in pre-Topo 1955. The first published List appeared later in 1955, the same year as the founding of the Sierra Peaks Section, and was comprised of 200 Peaks, 12 designated as Emblems. The List experienced some deletions but mainly additions over the next several years, reaching 240 by 1964, and 247 by 1990. The latest addition, Caltech Peak, was officially accepted in 2008, bringing the total to the 248 Peaks portrayed on this Map.