



Telescope Peak Trail (NPS/Hoerner)

Welcome to Your Death Valley Summer Adventure

Death Valley is the hottest place on Earth, with a recorded temperature of 134° F (57°C) on July 10, 1913. Recently, 2016 and 2017 claimed the hottest average temperatures in Death Valley history! Exploring safely in the summer means being inside or going up in elevation. Whether checking out the visitor center exhibits or movie, auto touring with the A/C on, or getting to the higher elevations of the park, the summer is all about staying cool and safe.

Planning a Summer Visit

Furnace Creek
Visitor Center

Get out of the heat and enjoy the A/C while you explore exhibits, watch the 20 minute park film, speak with park rangers, shop at the bookstore or grab a snack.

Become a Junior Ranger

Stop by the Furnace Creek Visitor Center to get a junior ranger booklet. Complete the indoor activities and earn a junior ranger badge!

Higher Elevations/
Mountains

Explore the mountains of Death Valley — the Panamint Range can be accessed via a paved road and visitors will find much cooler temperatures.

Enjoy an Auto Tour

Sometimes the vast landscapes are best viewed from a distance — and in the summer, from the A/C! Explore Death Valley via paved roads in the summer to stay safe and enjoy the beauty. Places to see are listed on page 3 of this guide.

Death Valley Feral Burros

Burros are an introduced species to Death Valley, whose numbers rise exponentially without management.

They are feral

They are not naturally supposed to be here. The feral burros you see today are the descendents of animals introduced into the environment by humans over the last 150 years.

They destroy water sources for other animals

They stomp around and make a mess of the fragile spring habitat. They also don't let other animals get near the springs. They over browse sensitive plant species, some of which only exist in these small habitats.

Do not approach them or exit your vehicle

It can be dangerous, as they can be very mean and aggressive, especially when defending young.



Feral Burros in the road (NPS/Hoerner)

Watch for them near and
in the roadways

They stand in the roads and won't budge. Proceed carefully around them without exiting your vehicle.

Do not leave unsecured
food in your campsite

When camping at Wildrose Campground, Saline Valley Campground or some places in the backcountry, burros are present. They can destroy your tent or vehicle to access food and make a mess. Please do NOT feed them.

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Feral burro damage to a sensitive spring habitat. Water is rare in the desert and these spring sources are vital to native animals survival. (NPS/Sloan)

Safety & Park Rules

ENGLISH

Safety

- **Water:** Drink at least one gallon (4 liters) of water per day. Carry plenty of extra drinking water in your car.
- **Heat and dehydration:** If you feel dizzy, nauseous or have a headache, get out of the sun immediately and drink plenty of water. Dampen your clothing to lower body temperature. Heat and dehydration can kill.



- **Summer driving:** Stay on paved roads in the summer. If your car breaks down, stay with it until help comes. Be prepared; carry plenty of extra water.
- **Stay alert and slow down:** The most common cause of death in the park is single car vehicle accidents. A moment of inattention can send you, your car, and your loved ones flipping into the rocky desert.
- **Do not rely on technology!** Your cell phone will not work in most of the park. GPS devices frequently tell Death Valley visitors to turn off well-traveled roads, and take “shortcuts” over the desert and into canyons. Common sense and good judgment are far more reliable.
- **Hiking:** DO NOT hike in the low elevations when temperatures are hot. The mountains are cooler in summer.
- **Flash floods:** Avoid canyons during rain storms and be prepared to move to higher ground. While driving, be alert for water running in washes and across road dips.
- **Dangerous animals:** Never place your hands or feet where you cannot see. Rattlesnakes, scorpions or black widow spiders may be sheltered there.
- **Do not enter mine tunnels or shafts.** Mines may be unstable, have hidden shafts, pockets of bad air and poisonous gas.

Rules

- **Entrance fees apply to all visitors!** Please see page 4 for the exact amount you should pay.
- **Pets and bicycles** are not allowed on trails or in wilderness which covers over 90% of the park.
- **Do not feed birds or animals.** This is for your safety and the health of wildlife. Plus, it is against the law!
- **Driving off roads is prohibited.** Stay on established roads.
- **Do not take anything!** Leave rocks, plants and historic objects where you find them for everyone to enjoy.

DEUTSCH

Sicherheit

- **Wasser:** Trinken Sie mindestens vier Liter Wasser pro Tag. Führen Sie immer noch zusätzliches Trinkwasser im Auto mit sich.
- **Hitze & Flüssigkeitsverlust:** Wenn Sie sich schwindelig fühlen, Ihnen übel ist oder Sie Kopfschmerzen bekommen, gehen Sie sofort aus der Sonne und trinken Sie reichlich Wasser. Feuchten Sie Ihre Kleidung an, um Ihre Körpertemperatur zu senken. Hitze und Flüssigkeitsverlust können tödlich sein.
- **Fahren im Sommer:** Bleiben Sie auf befestigten Straßen. Wenn Ihr Auto liegenbleibt, bleiben Sie vor Ort und warten Sie, bis Hilfe kommt. Seien Sie vorbereitet: nehmen Sie immer reichlich Wasser in Ihrem Auto mit.
- **Bleiben Sie wachsam und fahren Sie langsam:** Die hauptsächliche Todesursache im Death Valley ist ein einfacher Autounfall. Ein Moment der Unachtsamkeit kann Sie, Ihr Auto und Ihre Lieben dazu verdammen, in der steinigen Wüste zu enden.
- **Verlassen Sie sich nicht auf die Technik!** Ihr Handy wird im größten Teil des Parks nicht funktionieren. GPS Geräte weisen Besucher des Death Valleys häufig an, die viel befahrenen Straßen zu verlassen und “Abkürzungen” durch die Wüste und “Canyons” zu nehmen. Gesunder Menschenverstand, eine Karte des Death Valley und ein gutes Urteilsvermögen sind sehr viel sicherer.
- **Wandern:** Wandern Sie im Sommer NICHT in den tieferen Lagen. Die Berge, welche das Death Valley umgeben, sind kühler und dort gibt es viele Wege.
- **Sturzfluten:** Meiden Sie die Canyons während eines Sturms mit Regen und bereiten Sie sich darauf vor, jederzeit einen höher gelegenen Ort aufsuchen zu können. Achten Sie während der Fahrt auf Wasser, das in Pfützen und Schlaglöcher läuft.



- **Gefährliche Tiere:** Setzen Sie nie eine Hand oder einen Fuß an eine Stelle, die Sie vorher nicht sehen konnten. Klapperschlangen, Skorpione oder Schwarze Witwen (Spinnen) könnten dort Unterschlupf gefunden haben.
- **Betreten Sie keine Minentunnel oder Schächte.** Minen können instabil sein, versteckte Schächte haben und Einschlüssen von schlechter Luft oder giftigem Gas enthalten.

Regeln

- **Eintrittsgebühren müssen von allen Besuchern gezahlt werden!** Bitte informieren Sie sich auf Seite 4 über die genaue Höhe der Gebühren.
- **Hunde und Fahrräder** sind nicht erlaubt auf Pfaden oder in der wildnis, die 90% des Parks umfasst.
- **Füttern Sie keine Vögel oder wilden Tiere.** Dies dient Ihrer Sicherheit und der Gesundheit unserer Tierwelt.
- **Fahren abseits der Straßen ist verboten.** Bleiben Sie auf den ausgewiesenen Straßen.
- **Nehmen Sie nichts mit!** Lassen Sie Steine, Pflanzen oder historische Objekte dort, wo Sie sie finden, damit jeder sich an Ihnen erfreuen kann.

FRANÇAIS

Sécurité

- **Boire de l’eau:** Buvez du moins un gallon (4 litres) d’eau par jour. Apportez beaucoup d’eau potable supplémentaire dans votre voiture.
- **La chaleur et la déshydratation:** Si vous ressentez des étourdissements, des nausées, ou des maux de tête, mettez-vous à l’abri du soleil et buvez beaucoup d’eau. Humectez des vêtements afin de baisser votre température corporelle. La chaleur et la déshydratation peuvent vous tuer.
- **La conduite en été:** Restez sur les routes pavées. Si votre voiture tombe en panne, restez là jusqu’à ce que les secours arrivent. Soyez prêt; apportez beaucoup d’eau supplémentaire.
- **Rester vigilant et freiner la voiture:**



- La principale cause de décès à Death Valley est un accident impliquant un seul véhicule. Un moment d’inattention peut faire se retourner votre voiture, lançant vous-même et vos proches dans le désert rocailleux.
- **Ne pas dépendre de la technologie!** Votre téléphone cellulaire ne marchera pas dans quasiment tout le parc. Les dispositifs GPS indiquent aux visiteurs de quitter les grands chemins et de prendre des «raccourcis» à travers le désert et dans les canyons. Le bon sens, une carte de Death Valley, et un jugement éclairé sont beaucoup plus fiables.
 - **La randonnée:** NE faites PAS de la randonnée dans les zones à basse altitude en été. Les montagnes qui entourent Death Valley sont plus fraîches et il y a beaucoup de sentiers.

- **Les inondations soudaines:** Evitez les canyons pendant les orages et soyez prêt à vous déplacer en terrain plus élevé. En conduisant, soyez attentif aux puissants débits d’eau et aux eaux dans les creux de la route.
- **Les animaux dangereux:** Ne placez jamais vos mains ou vos pieds là où vous ne pouvez pas d’abord voir. Des crotales, des scorpions, ou des veuves noires peuvent s’y cacher.
- **Ne pas entrer dans les tunnels ou les puits de mine.** Les mines peuvent être instables, avoir des puits cachés, ou des poches d’air de mauvaise qualité et de gaz toxique.

Règles

- **Les droits d’entrée s’appliquent à tous les visiteurs!** Veuillez consulter la page 4 pour le montant exact que vous devez payer.
- **Les chiens et les vélos** sont interdits sur les sentiers ou aux milieux sauvages, ce qui couvre plus de 90 pour cent du parc.
- **Ne pas alimenter les oiseaux ou les animaux sauvages.** C’est pour s’assurer votre sécurité aussi bien que la santé de notre faune et flore.
- **La conduite hors route est interdite.** Restez sur les routes établies.
- **Ne rien prendre!** Laissez les pierres, les plantes, et les objets historiques là où vous les trouvez pour que tout le monde puisse en profiter.

ITALIANO

Sicurezza

- **Acqua:** Bevete almeno un gallone (4 litri) d’acqua ogni giorno. Portate più acqua nella vostra macchina in modo da averne abbastanza se finite l’acqua che portate con voi.
- **Caldo e Disidratazione:** Se avete la testa che gira, la nausea o mal di testa, trovate subito dell’ombra o un posto dove non c’è il sole e bevete molta acqua. Inumidite i vestiti per abbassare la temperatura del corpo. Il caldo e la disidratazione possono uccidervi.
- **Guidare durante l’estate:** Rimanete sulle strade asfaltate. Se la vostra macchina si guasta, rimanete con la macchina finché arrivano i soccorsi. Siate preparati; portate tanta acqua.
- **State in allerta e rallentate:** La causa di morte più comune nella Death Valley è un incidente di una sola macchina. Un momento di disattenzione può ribaltare la vostra macchina nel deserto roccioso, con voi e i vostri cari dentro.

- **Non fate troppo affidamento sulla tecnologia!** Il vostro cellulare non funziona nella maggior parte del parco. I GPS dicono spesso ai visitatori del parco di prendere una “scorciatoia” attraverso il deserto e nei canyon, lontano dalle strade molto trafficate. Il buon senso, una mappa della Death Valley e decisioni assennate sono più affidabili della tecnologia.
- **Escursionismo:** Non fate escursionismo a basse altitudini durante l’estate. Le montagne intorno alla Death Valley sono più fredde e ci sono molti sentieri.
- **Allagamenti:** Evitate i canyon durante i temporali e siate preparati a muovervi verso un punto più elevato. Mentre guidate, state attenti all’acqua che corre attraverso la strada.
- **Animali Pericolosi:** Non mettere mai le mani o i piedi dove non potete vedere. Crotali, scorpioni, o vedove nere potrebbero esservi nascosti.
- **Non entrare nei tunnel delle miniere o nei pozzi.** Le miniere potrebbero essere instabili, avere pozzi nascosti e sacche di aria o gas tossici.

Regole

- **Le tasse di entrata si applicano a tutti i visitatori!** Per favore, controllate a pagina 4 per il costo esatto che dovrete pagare.
- **Cani e Biciclette** non sono permessi sui sentieri o nell’area selvatica che copre 90% del parco.



- **Non dar da mangiare agli uccelli o agli animali selvatici.** Questa regola è per la vostra protezione e la salute della nostra fauna.
- **È vietato guidare fuori dalle strade.** Rimanete sulle strade segnalate.
- **Non portate via niente!** Lasciate i sassi, le piante, e gli oggetti storici dove li avete trovati in modo che tutti possano goderne.

What to See & Do: Summer

These suggested activities correspond with the map on page 4. Check out the map for location information.

1 - 2 Hours — The do-not-miss list for a visit to Death Valley!

Place Name	Description	Walking Required?	Travel from Furnace Creek	
1 Badwater Basin	The lowest point in North America, at 282 ft (86 m) below sea level, a surreal landscape of vast salt flats.	You can see the salt flat from your vehicle. A short walk would take you onto the salt flats.	17 mi (27 km) south on Badwater Road <i>30 minutes one way</i>	
2 Artists Drive	A scenic loop drive through multi-hued hills. The 9 mile (14.5 km) drive is one-way; open to vehicles less than 25 ft (7.6 m) in total length.	Enjoy the views from your vehicle. A short stop at Artists Palette would require exiting your vehicle.	Entrance to the one way road is 8.5 mi (13.7 km) south on Badwater Road <i>15 minutes one way to entrance</i>	
3 Zabriskie Point	Golden colored badlands and a famous and spectacular spot for sunrise.	A 1/4 mi (400 m) distance, 60 ft (18 m) elevation gain walk up a paved path to the viewpoint from the parking area.	4.8 mi (7.7 km) west on Highway 190 <i>15 minutes one way</i>	

Extra few hours — See another part of the park and stop at one of these unique spots!

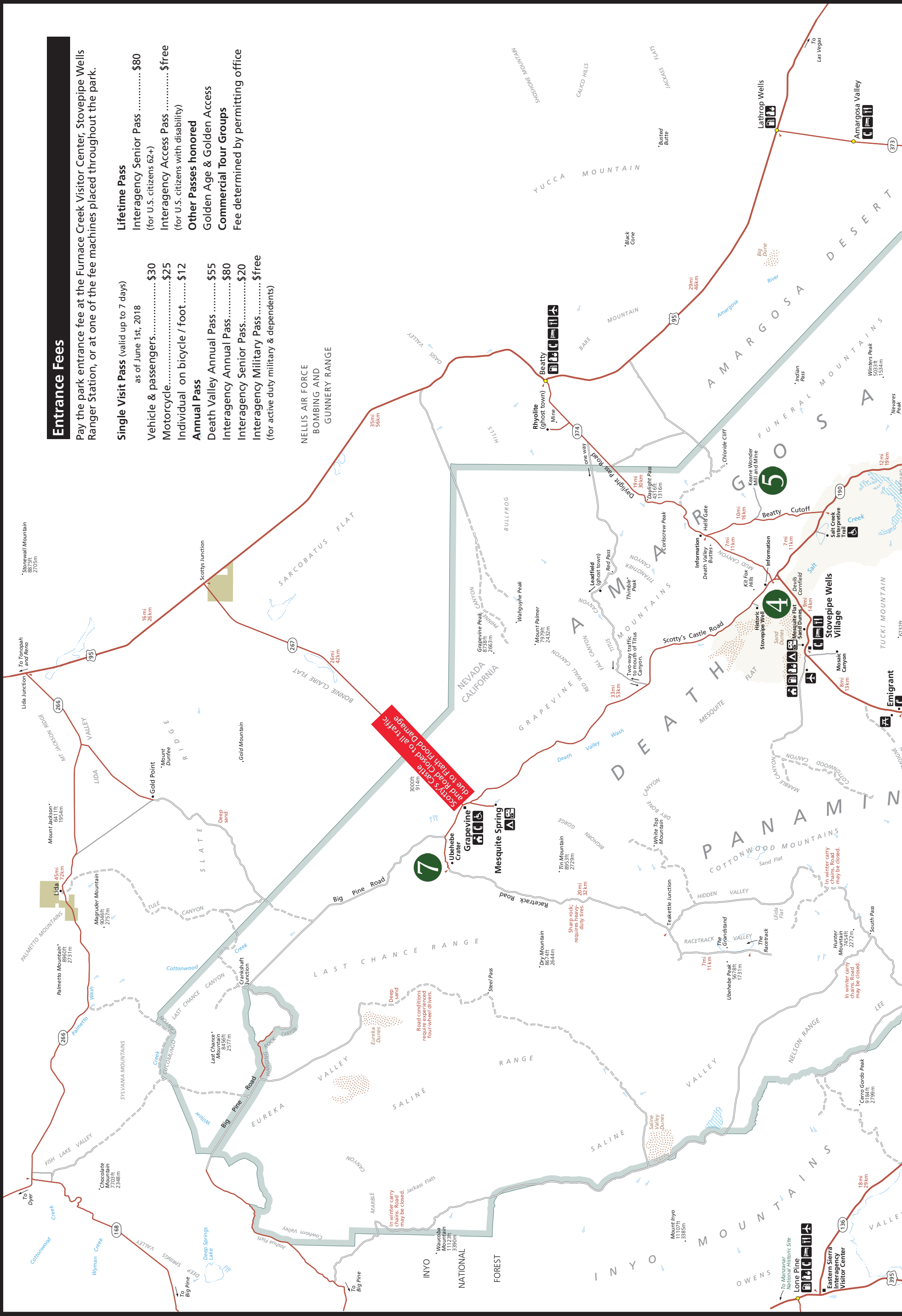
Place Name	Description	Walking Required?	Travel from Furnace Creek	
4 Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes	Tawny dunes smoothly rise nearly 100 ft (30 m) from Mesquite Flat.	The dunes can be viewed from your vehicle.	22.4 mi (36 km) north on Highway 190 <i>30 minutes one way</i>	
5 Keane Wonder Mine	Best example of a historic gold mine in the park with an intact aerial tramway. <i>Please do not climb on structures or enter mines.</i>	A 1/4 mi (400 m) distance, 85 ft (25 m) elevation gain walk from the parking area to the lowest tram terminal.	10.6 mi (17 km) north on Highway 190; 5.6 mi (9 km) on the Beatty Cutoff Road to the unpaved road <i>35 minutes one way</i>	
6 Dantes View	Breathtaking viewpoint over 5,000 ft (1,500 m) above Death Valley. It was updated in spring 2018 — check out the new exhibits!	The view is a short 100 ft (30 m) walk from your vehicle.	12 mi (19 km) on Highway 190; 13.2 mi (21 km) on Dantes View Road <i>1 hour one way</i>	

Half Day Adventures — Add these longer adventures to explore different parts of the park!

Place Name	Description	Walking Required?	Travel from Furnace Creek	
7 Ubehebe Crater	Hundreds of years ago, a massive volcanic explosion caused by magma mixing with an underground spring left a 600 ft (183 m) deep crater.	The view is a short 100 ft (30 m) walk from your vehicle.	17.1 mi (27.5 km) north on Highway 190; 33.4 mi (53.8 km) on North Highway to Ubehebe Crater Road <i>1.5 hours one way</i>	
8 Charcoal Kilns	These ten beehive-shaped structures are among the best preserved in the west. Built in 1876 to provide fuel to process silver/lead ore.	The kilns are a short 100 ft (30 m) walk from your vehicle.	33.6 mi (54 km) north on Highway 190; 28.2 mi (45.4 km) on Emigrant Canyon Road 2 mi (3 km) are gravel <i>1.5 hours one way</i>	
9 Father Crowley Vista Point	A landscape of dark lava flows and volcanic cinders abruptly gives way to colorful layers of Rainbow Canyon.	A view into Rainbow Canyon is possible with a short walk from your vehicle.	62.8 mi (101 km) west on Highway 190 <i>1.5 hours one way</i>	

(Photos/NPS/Weston Kessler)

Scotty’s Castle is CLOSED due to flood damage — REOPENING 2020



Entrance Fees

Pay the park entrance fee at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center, Stovepipe Wells Ranger Station, or at one of the fee machines placed throughout the park.

Lifetime Pass

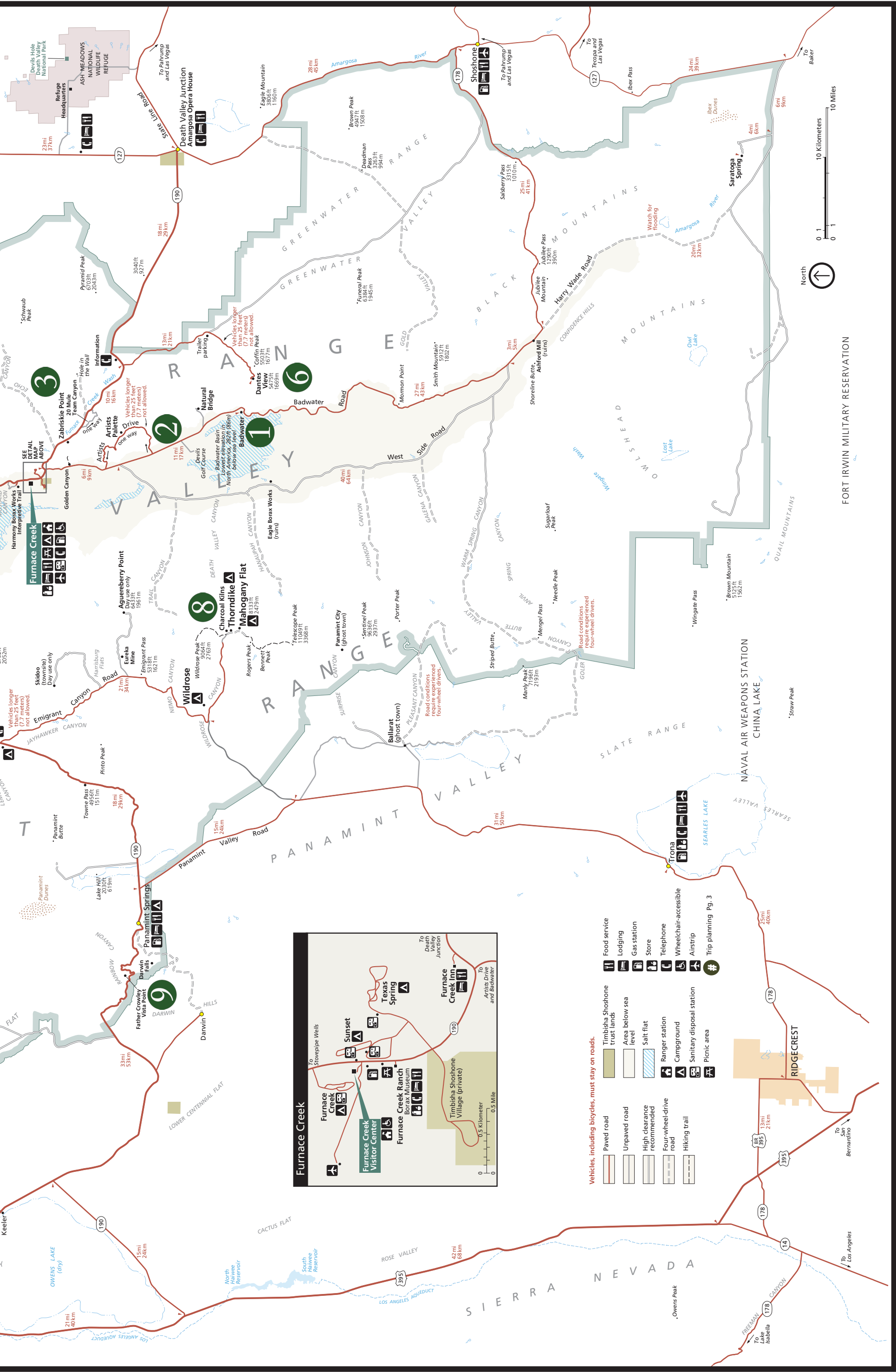
- Interagency Senior Pass \$80 (for U.S. citizens 62+)
- Interagency Access Pass \$free (for U.S. citizens with disability)

Other Passes honored

Golden Age & Golden Access
Commercial Tour Groups
Fee determined by permitting office

Single Visit Pass (valid up to 7 days)

- as of June 1st, 2018
- Vehicle & passengers..... \$30
- Motorcycle.....\$25
- Individual on bicycle / foot \$12
- Annual Pass**
- Death Valley Annual Pass \$55
- Interagency Annual Pass \$80
- Interagency Senior Pass.....\$20
- Interagency Military Pass.....\$free (for active duty military & dependents)





Support Your Park



Obey the speed limits and other rules of the road. Do not stop in traffic lanes—pull over and park safely off of the road. Keep your car on established roads. Unsightly tire tracks scar the fragile desert landscape for decades.



Camp only in established campgrounds or in a permitted backcountry area. Check at a ranger station or visitor center for backcountry camping information.



Campfires are allowed in established firepits only. Gathering firewood is prohibited—wood is scarce. Check for fire restrictions before camping.



Put garbage where it belongs. Litter in the desert spoils the landscape for each person that follows behind you.



Please recycle in the provided receptacles. Propane cylinder recycle bins are located in most campgrounds where you can leave both empty and full canisters.



Stay out of closed areas. Mines, service roads, and other areas are closed for your safety or the protection of important features.



Pets are permitted on roads and developed areas, but **prohibited** in wilderness, on trails, and in buildings. Hundreds of miles of dirt roads are great places for walking pets. Keep pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length. Owners are responsible for cleanup.



It is illegal to discharge a firearm anywhere in Death Valley or to bring one into a federal building. Hunting and trapping are illegal within the park.



Feeding animals is illegal and dangerous. Animals will be encouraged to hang out near the roads once fed by people, which endangers the animals and visitors.



Rocks, plants, animals, and historic objects in Death Valley are protected just like in a museum. Vandalism and theft are prohibited.



Despite being legalized by the State of California and the State of Nevada, possession or use of marijuana is not legal on federal lands, including Death Valley National Park.



The use of drones is prohibited.

Racetrack Playa (Weston Kessler)

DRIVING OFF DESIGNATED ROADS IS PROHIBITED - DRIVE ONLY ON ESTABLISHED ROADS

Walking and Hiking in the Heat

Stay Safe Tips

Hiking in Death Valley can quickly become dangerous, especially in summer months.

- Hike before 10 am. The hottest time of the day is around 2 pm - 6 pm.
- Bring and drink lots of water, a gallon per person per day, and more if you are active. Drink before you are thirsty, and eat plenty of salty snacks.
- Tell someone where you are going, and stay on the trail. It is easy to become disoriented in desert environments.
- Ask a ranger for current trail conditions before attempting a hike.

Come Prepared

Essential items for a hike:

- Plenty of water. Drink freely and often, and do not ration water. Eat snacks as well!
- The right clothing. Long sleeved, light clothing can protect you from the sun. Mountain hikes at elevation can be much cooler than the valley floor, so bring extra layers. Wear sturdy shoes on all hikes.
- Sun protection, such as sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses.
- A first aid kit.
- A map or trail description. The visitor center bookstore sells detailed maps.

Hike High

The park’s mountains are much cooler places to spend the day than the valley floor. Hike in higher elevations, like Telescope Peak, Wildrose Peak, or during the shoulder-season, on Dantes Ridge.

	May	June	July	August	September	October
Daily High	100° F	110° F	116° F	115° F	106° F	93° F
(average)	38° C	43° C	47° C	46° C	41° C	34° C
Daily Low	73° F	81° F	88° F	86° F	76° F	61° F
(average)	23° C	27° C	31° C	30° C	24° C	16° C
Record High	122° F	129° F	134° F	127° F	123° F	113° F
	50° C	54° C	56° C	53° C	50° C	45° C



Hiker on Dantes Ridge (NPS/Hoerner)

Summer Hikes	Round Trip	Elevation Gain	Trailhead Location	Description
Wildrose Peak	8.4 mi (13.5 km)	2,200 ft (671 m)	Charcoal Kilns on upper Wildrose Road	Out and back trail through pinyon-juniper woodlands to 9,064 ft (2,763 m) peak. The final two miles of access road is gravel, but typically passable in a sedan.
Telescope Peak	14 mi (22.5 km)	3,000 ft (914 m)	Mahogany Flat Campground on upper Wildrose Road	Out and back hike to 11,049 ft (3,368 m) - the highest peak in Death Valley. The trail starts in pinyon and juniper woodlands at Mahogany Flat Campground. The final 5 miles (8 km) of the access road is gravel and may require a high clearance vehicle.

Dark Night Sky

Check out the stars at an International Dark Sky Park- Gold Tier Rating!

Harmony Borax Works Night Sky (Weston Kessler)



Death Valley Night Sky Viewing Tips

- **Visit during the new moon** — this is when the moon is not visible which means the sky will be darker and you can see more stars.
- **Know what to look for** — check out the night sky almanac to right to get an idea of what might be visible and where.
- **Avoid light pollution** — pick a place to view the night sky away from developed areas. Ubehebe Crater has some of the darkest skies in the park, but the stars can be just as spectacular at Harmony Borax Works.
- **Stay out long enough** — it takes about 30 minutes for your eyes to adjust to the night sky to see the most stars.
- **Use a red light** —or put a piece of red cellophane on your flashlight. This will minimize the effect of the light on your adjusting eyes.
- **Look at the horizon** — Death Valley has large, towering mountains. If you pick a low place to view the night sky, like Badwater Basin, some of the stars could be blocked by the mountain ranges. Pick a large open area with some elevation to see the most stars.
- **Bring binoculars** — a simple pair of binoculars can be a great way to get a closer look!

Where are the best places to view the night sky?

Harmony Borax Works

Located close to the Furnace Creek Visitor Center. Provides a great place to see the stars with little obstruction from the mountains. There are also historic buildings and a mule cart for night photography, which make for an interesting foreground.

Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes

Located close to Stovepipe Wells. This is a great spot for seeing a lot of sky. Unobstructed views can be found here, but the close proximity to the highway means the potential for light pollution from headlights. Bring a red light or cellophane on your flashlight and take a stroll on the dunes!

Badwater Basin

Located 17 mi south on Badwater Road. Milky Way viewing can be somewhat obstructed from the mountains, but seeing the stars from the salt flats is a unique, other-worldly experience! Not to mention that the salt flats provide great foreground for a night photo.

Night Sky Almanac

APRIL 2018

Planets Visible

- ★ Mars: South before dawn
- ★ Saturn: South before dawn
- ★ Jupiter: SW before dawn, Late Apr: Low in SE after 9 pm
- ★ Venus: Very low in west after sunset
- ★ Apr 1-3: Mars passes Saturn
- ★ Apr 7: Moon, Saturn and Mars gather in South before dawn

The Moon

- ★ New Moon: Apr 15
- ★ Full Moon: Apr 29

Lyrids Meteor Shower:

- ★ Midnight to dawn Apr 23
- ★ (No moon after midnight makes viewing excellent)

MAY 2018

Planets Visible

- ★ Mars: South before dawn
- ★ Saturn: South before dawn
- ★ Jupiter: SE after sunset, low in SW before dawn
- ★ Venus: West after sunset

The Moon

- ★ New Moon: May 15
- ★ Full Moon: May 29

Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower:

- ★ Midnight to dawn May 7
- ★ (Bright moon will make viewing difficult)

JUNE 2018

Planets Visible

- ★ Mars: South before dawn
- ★ Saturn: SW before dawn, late June: low in SE after sunset
- ★ Jupiter: South after sunset
- ★ Venus: Low in west after sunset

The Moon

- ★ New Moon: June 13
- ★ Full Moon: June 27
- ★ **Summer Solstice: June 21**

Night Sky Almanac by Marni Berendsen

JULY 2018

Planets Visible

- ★ Mars: Low in SW before dawn; Very low in SE after sunset
- ★ Saturn: SE after sunset
- ★ Jupiter: SW after sunset
- ★ Venus: Very low in west after sunset (with crescent moon July 15)

The Moon

- ★ New Moon: July 12
- ★ Full Moon: July 27

Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower:

- ★ Midnight to dawn morning of Jul 29
- ★ (Bright moon will make viewing difficult)

AUGUST 2018

Planets Visible

- ★ Mars: SE after sunset
- ★ Saturn: South after sunset
- ★ Jupiter: Low in west after sunset

The Moon

- ★ New Moon: Aug 11
- ★ Full Moon: Aug 26

Perseids Meteor Shower:

- ★ Midnight to dawn morn of Aug 13
- ★ (No moon means excellent viewing)

SEPTEMBER 2018

Planets Visible

- ★ Mars: SSE after sunset
- ★ Saturn: South after sunset
- ★ Jupiter: Low in SW after sunset

The Moon

- ★ New Moon: Sep 9
- ★ Full Moon: Sep 24

Autumn Equinox: Sep 22

- ★ Sep 13-19 Moon moves from Jupiter to Saturn to Mars

OCTOBER 2018

Planets Visible

- ★ Mars: South after sunset
- ★ Saturn: SW after sunset
- ★ Jupiter: Early Oct: Very low in SW after sunset

The Moon

- ★ New Moon: Oct 8
- ★ Full Moon: Oct 24

Draconids Meteor Shower:

- ★ Early evening Oct 8
- ★ (No moon will make viewing excellent)

Orionids Meteor Shower:

- ★ Midnight to dawn morn of Oct 22
- ★ (Bright moon will make viewing difficult)



(NPS/Kurt Moses)

 Visitor Services

Furnace Creek

**National Park Service-
Furnace Creek Visitor Center:**
Get information and maps, purchase entrance passes, explore exhibits, watch the park film, speak with park rangers.

Packaged sandwiches and snacks are available at the DVNHA bookstore in the visitor center.

8 am-5pm daily
760-786-3200 - nps.gov/deva

Post Office:
Mail letters and postcards- Lobby open 24 hours
Purchase postage- Monday - Friday 8am-4pm
Closed for lunch from 1pm-1:30pm

The Oasis at Death Valley

Lodging & Camping:
Multiple lodging options available.
760-786-2345 - oasisatdeathvalley.com

The Ranch:
Restaurants & General Store:
The Oasis at Death Valley is undergoing extensive remodeling. For up to date information call 760-786-2345 or visit oasisatdeathvalley.com

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Shower & Pool Passes:
Per person passes available 8 am - 10:30 pm

Laundry: Coin operated machines

Borax Museum: 10am-6pm daily (free/
outdoors)

Gas Station: 24 hours pay at the pump (major credit/debit cards) unleaded, diesel, propane, and limited mechanic services

Internet: Hourly and daily rates

Farabees Jeep Rentals and Tours: 4x4 Jeep rentals and tours. Located by the gas station. 760-786-9872 - deathvalleyjeeprentals.com

The Inn:
Restaurant:
Breakfast, lunch and dinner; for times and reservations (760) 786-2345

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Desert Sunset (Weston Kessler)

Timbisha Shoshone Village

Indian Tacos & Shaved Ice:
760-258-7858
Often open Tuesday - Saturday 10am-6pm

Stovepipe Wells Village

National Park Service-

Ranger Station: Get information, maps, and purchase entrance passes.
Open hours determined by available staffing.

Lodging & Camping:
760-786-2387 - deathvalleyhotels.com

Shower & Pool Passes:
Per person passes available until midnight

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Internet: Hourly and daily rates

General Store: 7am-10pm daily
ATM, groceries, ice, camping supplies, gifts, and firewood

Nugget Gift Shop: 7am-9pm daily

Gas Station: Open 24 hours pay at the pump
(major credit/debit cards) Unleaded fuel only

Restaurants:

Toll Road:
Breakfast: 7am-10am
Dinner: 5:30pm-9pm

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Badwater Saloon: 11:30am-10pm
Lunch: 11:30am-5pm

Scotty's Castle (CLOSED)

Scotty's Castle and the Bonnie Claire Road to NV 267 are closed due to flash flood damage until 2020. The roads from Highway 190 to Ubehebe Crater, Racetrack, and Mesquite Spring Campground are open.

Summer camping in the park?

A campground at a higher elevation will have cooler nights.  Check the elevation.

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NPS Campgrounds	Season/Reservations	Elevation	Fee	Senior/Access Pass Rate	Sites	Water	Firepits	Tables	Toilets	Dump Station
Furnace Creek <i>No reservations in Summer</i>	open all year mid-Apr to mid-Oct: first come, first served mid-Oct to mid-Apr: reservations strongly recommended must be made at least 4 days to 6 months in advance on recreation.gov or 877-444-6777	-196 ft (-60 m)	\$16 standard \$36 hookups	\$8 standard \$25 hookups	136 18	yes	yes	yes	flush	yes
Sunset <i>CLOSED in Summer</i>	open mid-Oct to mid-Apr - <i>back into all sites</i> first come, first served	-196 ft (-60 m)	\$14	\$7	270	yes	group only	no	flush	yes
Texas Springs <i>CLOSED in Summer</i>	open mid-Oct to mid-May - <i>no generators</i> first come, first served	sea level	\$16	\$8	92	yes	yes	yes	flush	yes
Stovepipe Wells <i>CLOSED in Summer</i>	open mid-Sept to mid-May first come, first served	sea level	\$14	\$7	190	yes	some	some	flush	yes
Mesquite Spring	open all year first come, first served	1,800 ft (549 m)	\$14	\$7	40	yes	yes	yes	flush	yes
Emigrant	open all year - <i>tent only</i> first come, first served	2,100 ft (640 m)		free	10	yes	no	no	flush	no
Wildrose	open all year - <i>25 ft length limit</i> first come, first served	4,100 ft (1,250 m)		free	23	yes	yes	yes	vault	no
Thorndike (4X4 recommended)	open Mar-Nov - <i>25 ft length limit</i> first come, first served	7,400 ft (2,256 m)		free	6	no	yes	yes	vault	no
Mahogany Flat (4X4 recommended)	open Mar-Nov - <i>25 ft length limit</i> first come, first served	8,200 ft (2,499 m)		free	10	no	yes	yes	vault	no
Private	Season	Elevation	Fee		Sites	Water	Firepits	Tables	Toilets	Dump Station
Fiddler’s Camp	open all year 760-786-2345 - oasisatdeathvalley.com	-218 ft (-66 m)	\$18		35	yes	group only	group only	flush	no
Stovepipe Wells RV Park	open all year 760-786-2387 - deathvalleyhotels.com	sea level	\$34 hookups		14	yes	no	no	flush	yes
Panamint Springs	open all year 775-482-7680 - panamintsprings.com	2,000 ft (610 m)	\$35 hookups \$20 non-hookup \$10 tents \$50 - \$65 tent cabins		76	yes	some	yes	flush	no