



Auto touring on Artists Drive (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, 2017 and 2018 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 Invasive Burros

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

They are invasive

They are not naturally supposed to be here. The invasive 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 fragile spring habitats. 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 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)




Things To See

Looking for the must-see spots? Check out the options below and the map on **PAGE 4** for location information for these popular places




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. • Sunset spot	You can see the salt flat from your vehicle. A short walk takes 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. • Sunset spot	Enjoy the views from your vehicle. A short stop at Artists Palette requires 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 spectacular spot for sunrise. • Sunset & Sunrise spot	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) east on Highway 190 <i>15 minutes one way</i>	

Extra few hours — 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. • Sunset & Sunrise spot	The dunes can be viewed from your vehicle.	22.4 mi (36 km) west on Highway 190 <i>30 minutes one way</i>	
5 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! • Sunset spot	No walking required. ADA accessible viewing platform.	12 mi (19 km) east on Highway 190; 13.2 mi (21 km) on Dantes View Road <i>1 hour one way</i>	
6 Keane Wonder Mine	Historic gold mine with an intact aerial tramway. <i>Please do not climb on structures or enter mines. Road can be very rough and requires 4x4.</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) west on Highway 190; 5.6 mi (9 km) on Beatty Cutoff Road to the unpaved, rough road <i>35 minutes one way</i>	

Half Day Adventures — Add these longer adventures to see 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) west 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 can be viewed from your vehicle.	33.6 mi (54 km) west 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 gives way to colorful layers of Rainbow Canyon. Possible viewing of military training flights.	A view into Rainbow Canyon is 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

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 die 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. Crotales, 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.

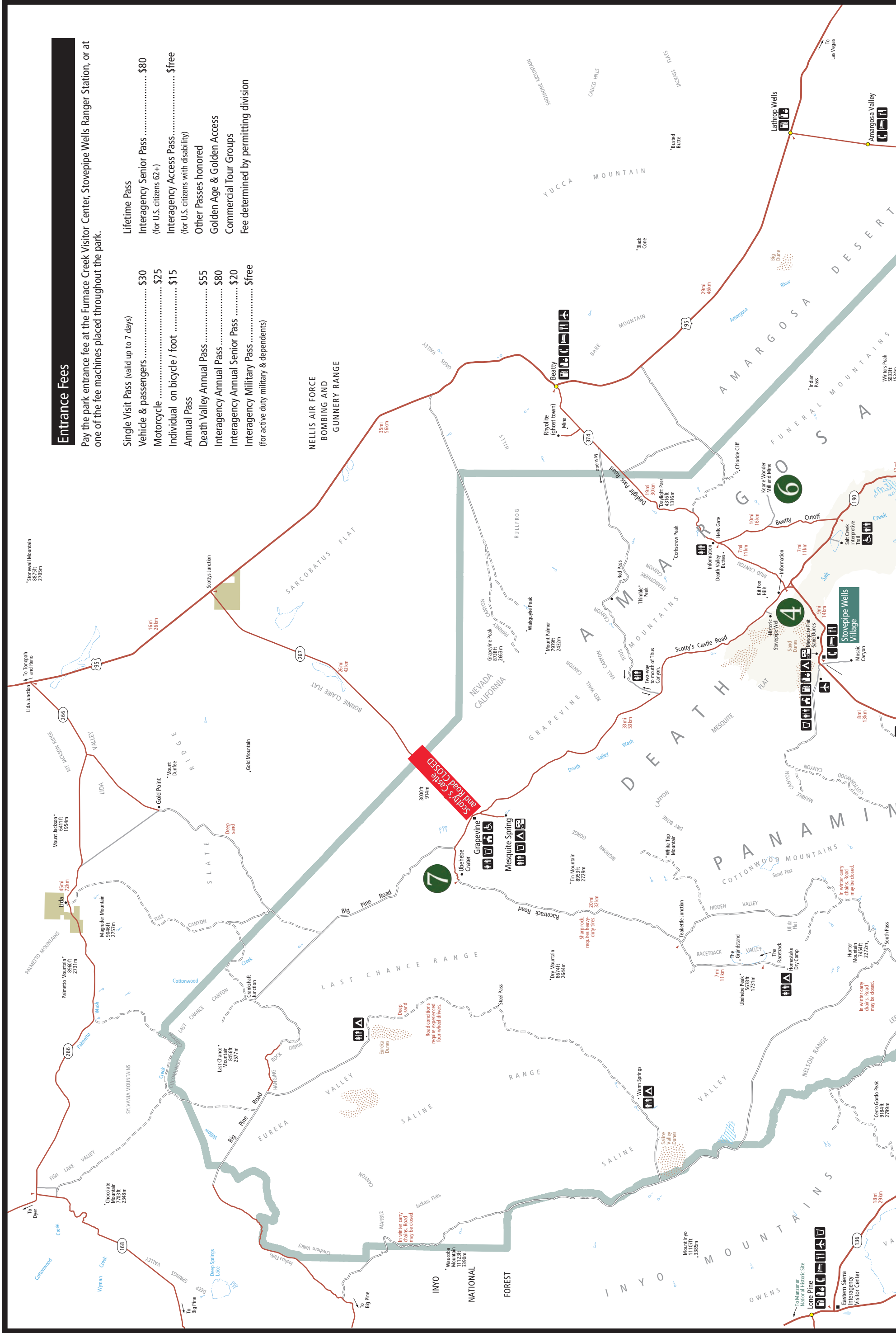
• **È vietato guidare fuori dalle strade.** Rimanete sulle strade segnalate.

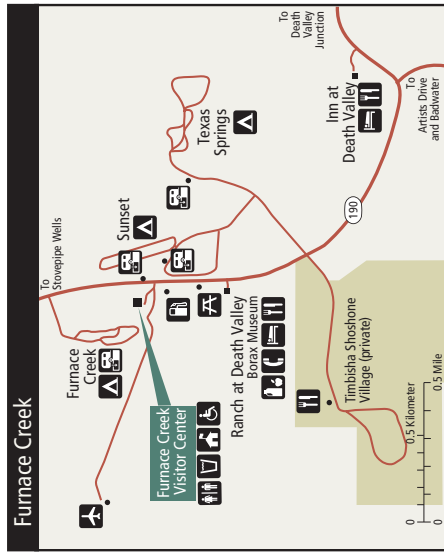
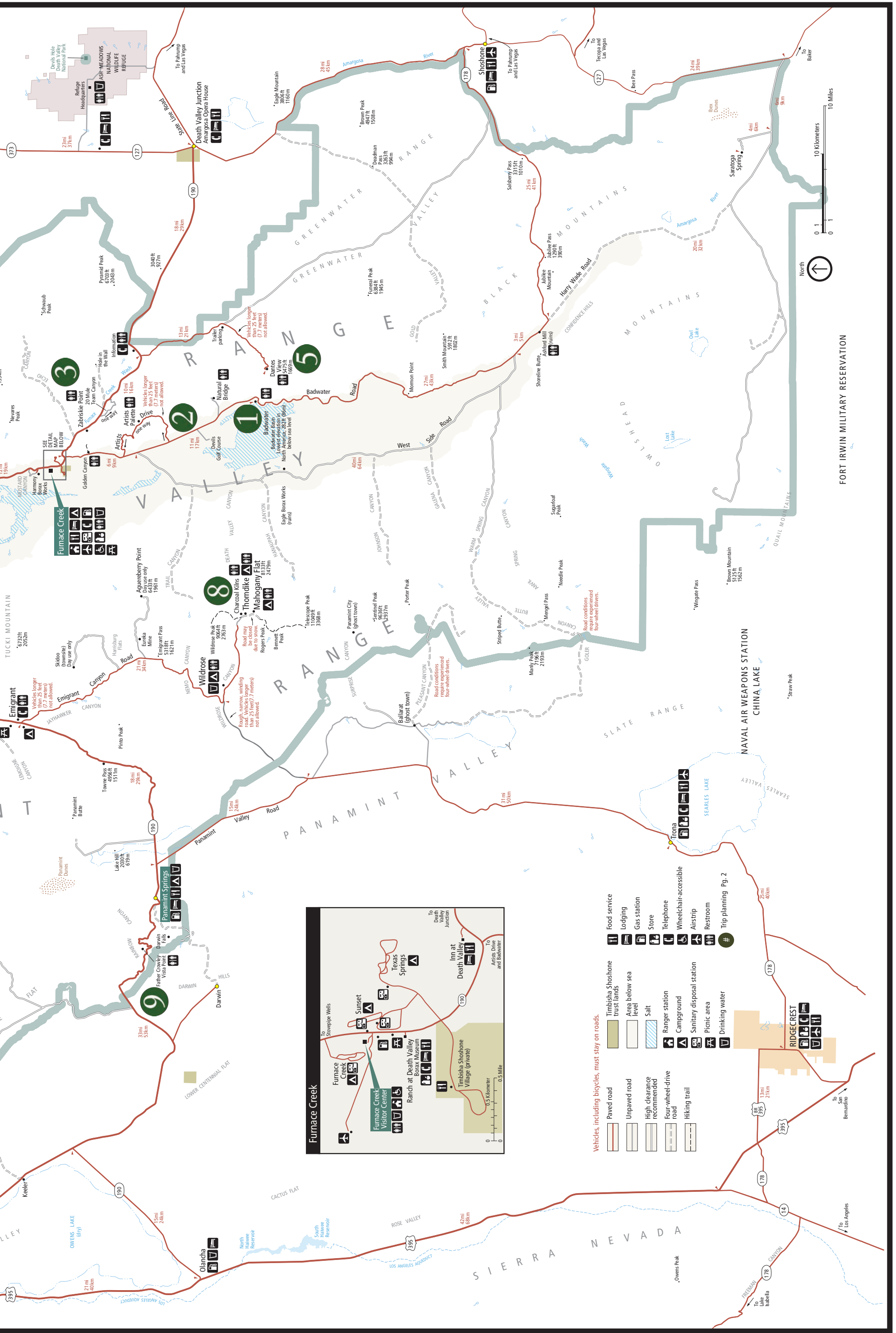
• **Non portate via niente!** Lasciate i sassi, le piante, e gli oggetti storici dove li avete trovati in modo che tutti possano goderne.

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.

Single Visit Pass (valid up to 7 days)	Lifetime Pass
Vehicle & passengers \$30	Interagency Senior Pass \$80 (for U.S. citizens 62+)
Motorcycle \$25	Interagency Access Pass \$free (for U.S. citizens with disability)
Individual on bicycle / foot \$15	Other Passes honored
Annual Pass	Golden Age & Golden Access
Death Valley Annual Pass \$55	Commercial Tour Groups
Interagency Annual Pass \$80	Fee determined by permitting division
Interagency Senior Pass \$20	
Interagency Military Pass \$free (for active duty military & dependents)	





- Vehicles, including bicycles, must stay on roads.**
- Paved road
 - Unpaved road
 - High clearance recommended
 - Four-wheel-drive road
 - Hiking trail
 - Timbisha Shoshone trust lands
 - Area below sea level
 - Salt
 - Ranger station
 - Campground
 - Sanitary disposal station
 - Picnic area
 - Drinking water
 - Food service
 - Lodging
 - Gas station
 - Store
 - Telephone
 - Wheelchair-accessible
 - Airstrip
 - Restroom
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Support Your Park



Obey the speed limits and other rules of the road. Do not stop in traffic lanes — pull over and park safely in the shoulder. Drive only on designated 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 fire pits 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 and 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.



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 illegal on federal lands, including Death Valley National Park.



The use of drones is prohibited.

Entrance Fees

Please support your park by paying the park entrance fee at a park visitor center or at one of the automated fee machines placed throughout the park. Already have one of the passes listed below? Enjoy your park!

7-day Passes	Annual Passes
Vehicle and passengers.....\$30	Death Valley Annual Pass\$55
Motorcycles\$25	Interagency Annual Pass\$80
Individual entering on bicycle or foot.....\$15	Interagency Annual Senior Pass (for U.S. citizens 62+).....\$20
Lifetime Passes	Interagency Annual Military Pass (for active duty and dependents).....Free
Interagency Lifetime Senior Pass (for U.S. citizens 62+).....\$80	Other passes honored
Interagency Lifetime Access Pass (for U.S. citizens with a disability)..Free	4th Grade (Every Kid in a Park), Volunteer, Golden Age, and Golden Access Passes.

The fees you pay when visiting Death Valley National Park make a difference! Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the park uses fee money to fund critical projects that improve visitor services and protect natural and cultural resources in the park such as:

- Repairing Scotty's Castle and restoring visitor access after a devastating flood in 2015.
- Providing education programs that reach thousands of students.
- Improving accessibility for visitors with disabilities at Dantes View through a partnership with the Fund for People in Parks and the Death Valley Natural History Association.
- Maintaining and repairing campgrounds and park structures.
- Providing emergency medical services.

Death Valley Natural History Association: Park Bookstore

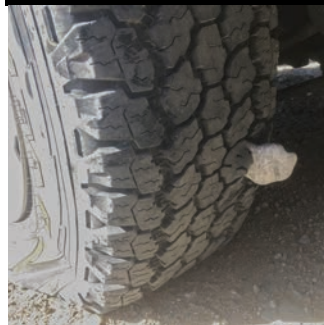


Since 1954, the Death Valley Natural History Association (DVNHA) has been supporting Death Valley National Park. Whether you choose to become a member, make a donation, or simply shop with us, you're contributing to the visitor experience. The proceeds of your purchases benefit education and research in Death Valley National Park and Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Thank you for your support.



Located at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center • DVNHA.ORG

Travel Safely



Common cause of flat tires (NPS)

My vehicle broke down. It is hot. What should I do?

- If there is an emergency and you have phone service call 911. This will put you in touch with the park's dispatch, who will alert park staff that you need help.
- **Do NOT leave your vehicle** and attempt to walk. Stay near your vehicle.
- No phone service? Flag down any available motorist to **alert park staff** that you need help.
- You will be responsible for your own vehicle recovery. **Towing will cost you an average of \$2,000 off of paved roads. Consider this carefully before traveling on the dirt roads in the summer.**
- Use your water to stay hydrated as well as getting your clothes wet. This will help keep you cool. Do this sparingly depending on your situation and amount of water on hand.

Do Not Feed Wildlife



The coyotes that you see near the roads, parking lots, and developed areas most likely, and unfortunately, have been fed by visitors. This encourages them to hang around people, the roads, and cars! They will even run in front of vehicles to get them to stop so that they can beg for food. This is dangerous for both visitors and coyotes. Please help by not feeding wild animals or encouraging them by stopping and taking photos.

Coyote in the road picture (Carolyn Fox)

Night Sky

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

Death Valley Night Sky Viewing Tips



Harmony Borax Works Night Sky
(Weston Kessler)

- **Visit during the new moon** — this is when the moon is not visible. The sky will be darker and you can see more stars.
- **Know what to look for** — interested in seeing the Milky Way? It is only visible certain times of the year and night. Check out a night sky almanac to get an idea of what might be visible and where. Ask a park ranger!
- **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.
- **Bring binoculars** — a great way to get a closer look!

- **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.

Where are the best places to view the night sky?

Harmony Borax Works

Located close to the Furnace Creek Visitor Center. This spot 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 use 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.

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 - 7 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.

	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

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.

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 are 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 forest. The final 5 miles (8 km) of the access road are gravel and may require a high clearance, 4X4 vehicle.

Visitor Services

Furnace Creek

National Park Service

Furnace Creek Visitor Center:

Get information and maps, purchase entrance passes, explore exhibits, watch the park film, and speak with park rangers.

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

8 AM-5 PM DAILY

760-786-3200 — NPS.GOV/DEVA

Indian Tacos & Shaved Ice:

Timbisha Shoshone Village

Often open Tuesday - Saturday 10 am-6 pm

760-258-7858

Lodging & Camping:

The Oasis at Death Valley

760-786-2345 — oasisatdeathvalley.com

Restaurant:

The Inn at Death Valley

Breakfast, lunch and dinner; for times and reservations (760) 786-2345

Restaurants & General Store:

The Ranch at Death Valley

There are a few different options for dining at this facility. Call 760-786-2345 for more info.

The following services are available at The Ranch at Death Valley:

Shower & Pool: Per person passes available 8 am-10 pm (\$10/person)

Laundry: Coin operated machines (\$1.00)

WiFi: Hourly and daily rates

Borax Museum: Dawn to dusk (free)

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

Farabees Jeep Rentals and Tours:

4x4 Jeep rentals and tours. 760-786-9872

deathvalleyjeeprentals.com

Post Office:

Mail letters and postcards: lobby open 24 hours

Purchase postage: Monday - Friday 8 am-4 pm

Closed for lunch from 1 pm-1:30 pm

Stovepipe Wells Village

National Park Service

Ranger Station:

Get information, maps, and purchase entrance passes.

Open hours determined by available staffing.

Lodging & Camping:

Death Valley Lodging Company

760-786-7090 — deathvalleyhotels.com

Shower & Pool: Per person passes available daily until midnight (\$5/person)

WiFi: Limited. Ask for details at the front desk.

General Store:

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

Nugget Gift Shop: 8 am-9 pm daily

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

Restaurants:

Toll Road

Breakfast: 7 am-10 am

Dinner: 7 pm-9 pm

Badwater Saloon

11:30 am-10 pm

Lunch 11:30 am-5 pm; Dinner 5 pm-10 pm

Panamint Springs

Lodging & Camping:

Panamint Springs Resort

775-482-7680 — panamintsprings.com

General Store: 7 am-9 pm ATM, snacks, ice, firewood, camping supplies, and gifts

Shower: Passes available at general store

Gas Station: 7 am-9:30 pm Unleaded and diesel

Restaurant and Bar: 7am-9pm daily

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 Racetrack and Mesquite Spring Campground are open.

Local Communities

EAST OF THE PARK

Death Valley Junction, California:

40 minute drive from Furnace Creek

Lodging, restaurant, RV camping

Beatty, Nevada:

45 minute drive from Furnace Creek

Lodging, restaurants, ATM, camping, gas

Amargosa Valley, Nevada:

1 hour drive from Furnace Creek

Lodging, gas, restaurants

Pahrump, Nevada:

1 hour 15 minute drive from Furnace Creek

Lodging, restaurants, grocery stores, hospital, auto service, gas, ATM, veterinarians, camping

Shoshone, California:

1 hour drive from Furnace Creek

Lodging, restaurants, general store, gas, campground

Tecopa, California:

1 hour 15 minute drive from Furnace Creek

Lodging, restaurants, camping

Las Vegas, Nevada:

2 hour 30 minute drive from Furnace Creek

Lodging, restaurants, grocery stores, hospital, auto service, gas, ATM, veterinarians, camping

WEST OF THE PARK

Trona, California:

1 hour 30 minute drive from Furnace Creek

Lodging, restaurants, camping, gas, ATM

Ridgecrest, California:

2.5 hour drive from Furnace Creek

Lodging, restaurants, grocery stores, hospital, auto service, gas, ATM, veterinarians, camping

Lone Pine, California:

1 hour 45 minute drive from Furnace Creek

Lodging, restaurants, camping, gas, ATM, groceries, health clinic

Summer camping?

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

NPS Campgrounds	Season/Reservations	Elevation	Fee	Senior/Access Pass Rate	Sites	Water	Fire pits	Tables	Toilets	Dump Station
Furnace Creek <i>No reservations in the summer</i>	open all year mid-Apr to mid-Oct no reservations mid-Oct to mid-Apr reservations strongly recommended <i>must be made at least 4 days and up to 6 months in advance on recreation.gov or 877-444-6777</i>	-196 ft (-60 m)	\$22 standard \$36 hookups	\$11 standard \$25 hookups	136 18	yes	yes	yes	flush	yes
Sunset CLOSED in the summer	open mid-Oct to mid-Apr <i>back into all sites</i> no reservations	-196 ft (-60 m)	\$14	\$7	270	yes	group only	no	flush	yes
Texas Springs CLOSED in the summer	open mid-Oct to mid-May <i>no generators</i> no reservations	sea level	\$16	\$8	92	yes	yes	yes	flush	yes
Stovepipe Wells CLOSED in the summer	open mid-Sept to mid-May no reservations	sea level	\$14	\$7	190	yes	some	some	flush	yes
Mesquite Spring	open all year no reservations	1,800 ft (549 m)	\$14	\$7	40	yes	yes	yes	flush	yes
Emigrant	open all year <i>tent only</i> no reservations	2,100 ft (640 m)		free	10	yes	no	no	flush	no
Wildrose	open all year <i>25 ft length limit</i> no reservations	4,100 ft (1,250 m)		free	23	yes	yes	yes	vault	no
Thorndike (4X4 recommended)	<i>25 ft length limit</i> no reservations	7,400 ft (2,256 m)		free	6	no	yes	yes	vault	no
Mahogany Flat (4X4 recommended)	<i>25 ft length limit</i> no reservations	8,200 ft (2,499 m)		free	10	no	yes	yes	vault	no
Private	Season	Elevation	Fee		Sites	Water	Fire pits	Tables	Toilets	Dump Station
Fiddler's Camp	open all year 760-786-2345 - oasisatdeathvalley.com	-218 ft (-66 m)	\$24		35	yes	group only	group only	flush	no
Stovepipe Wells RV Park	open all year 760-786-7090 - deathvalleyhotels.com	sea level	\$40 hookups/ \$20 senior/access pass rate		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